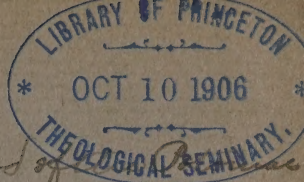


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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church
in the United States.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS IN ALTOONA, PA.,

In the Month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the thirteenth and continued until the forenoon of the nineteenth day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened in Trinity Reformed church of Altoona, Blair county, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 13th, A. D., 1896, at 7:30 o'clock, agreeably to appointment of the last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., from Isaiah 42 : 1-7.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened by him with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers:—Gerny Weber, Jacob O. Miller, D.D., Oliver P. Schellhamer.⁶

Elders:—Jonas Deisinger M.D., Israel Laucks.

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers:—T. Franklin Hoffmeier, William I. Stewart, Lloyd E. Coblenz, Samuel M. Roeder, Calvin S. Slagle, Joel

T. Rossiter, D.D., Conrad Clever, D.D., William Goodrich, Simon S. Miller, Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph. D., Hiram J. Macalister, William C. Sykes, Henry F. Dittmar.

Elders:—John Gassman, David C. Hammett, Martin C. Coblentz, W. Scott Kefauver,^f Herman A. Buckey, William Roulette, Jacob S. Dehoof, John T. Dutterer.

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers:—Irwin M. Beaver, George S. Gill, Charles A. Santee, William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., William M. Deatrick, D.D., George B. Russell, D.D.

Elders:—Samuel Z. Hawbecker, Charles A. Yoh, Andrew R. Schnebly, Jerome Dietrich.^f

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers:—Lewis Reiter, John A. Hoffheins, D.D., George G. Everhart, John T. Balliet,² Calvin B. Heller.⁴

Elders:—Harvey T. Cushwa, Daniel S. Rentch, Christian R. Bosserman,² Benjamin E. Greenwood.²

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers:—Jacob C. Leonard, Joseph L. Murphy.

Elders:—Sidney M. Finger.⁴

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers:—John F. Mackley, M.D., Thomas J. Barkley, D.D., George W. Welsh, Edward D. Miller, George B. Resser, Milton M. Noacher.⁴

Elders:—Daniel S. Chronister,^f Jacob Willett,² Jacob N. Slagle,⁴ George W. Hartman.^{4-f}

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers:—J. David Miller, Joseph W. Bell, James M. Runkle, William H. Groh.⁶

Elders:—Jacob Wetzel, Frederick Gutshall, Adam Heberlig.⁴

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers:—Charles E. Creitz, Eugene L. McLean, Homer S. May, Louis C. Harnish, S. Charles Stover, Frederick A. Rupley, Jr., Irwin W. Hendricks.

Elders:—John H. Stephens, Benjamin S. Fouse, J. Scott Corle, George L. Freet, John G. Cobler, Jackson L. Grove.^h

IX.—From the Classis of Portland-Oregon.

No delegates present.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening session of the Synod.

The letters in their order refer to the sessions at which delegates obtained leave of absence and left the Synod.

Rev. John C. Bowman, D.D., occupied the seat of Rev. T. J. Barkley, during the last six sessions; Rev. Titus C. Strock that of Rev. W. H. Groh, during the first five sessions; and Rev. John W. Pontius that of Rev. L. C. Harnish, during the last three sessions of Synod.

Advisory Members Present.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Maryland Classis:—Revs. Adam S. Weber, Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.

Mercersburg Classis:—Elder Casper Wicke.

Gettysburg Classis:—Rev. John C. Bowman, D.D., Elder Edgar Slagle.

Carlisle Classis:—Revs. Titus C. Strock, Samuel N. Callender, D.D.

Juniata Classis:—Revs. Lewis Robb, John F. Moyer, Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., John W. Pontius, Edward W. Stonebraker, Charles H. Slinghoff, William H. Landis, Ambrose C. Geary, William A. Long, Ph.D., and Elder Samuel Sprankle.

The presence was also announced of the licentiates Joseph H. Apple of the Maryland Classis, and William M. Irvine, Ph.D., of the Mercersburg Classis.

Eastern Synod:—Revs. R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D., Adam C. Whitmer, David N. Dittmar, Tilghman Derr, Thomas M. Yundt, Cyrus J. Musser, John S. Stahr, D.D., Rufus W. Miller, David B. Schneder, Elder Daniel Miller.

Pittsburgh Synod:—Revs. Ambrose M. Schmidt, David A. Souder, Samuel T. Wagner, Christian W. Summey, Eugene P. Skyles, Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., J. Harvey Mickley, Daniel N. Harnish.

Central Synod:—Rev. John H. Stepler, D.D.

Synod of the Interior:—Rev. Dennis B. Shuey.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence was announced from time to time of Revs. J. W. Bain and H. H. Stiles of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. F. Hartman of the Lutheran Church; Revs. M. S. Ganoe, G. M. Hoke and J. E. Bell of the Methodist Church; and Rev. A. L. Funk of the United Brethren Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. C. Clever, *President*, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, *Vice President*, Middletown, Md.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. W. I. Stewart, *Corresponding Secretary*, Baltimore, Md.
 Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Reading Clerk*, Martinsburg, W. Va.
 Elder George N. Forney, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House*.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning session to open at 9 o'clock and close at 11:30 o'clock; the afternoon session to begin at 2 and end at 4:30 o'clock; and the evening services to commence at 7:30 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. J. F. Moyer, L. Robb, J. O. Miller, and Elders I. Laucks, J. H. Stephens.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, W. I. Stewart, G. Weber, and Elders J. Gassman, G. L. Freet.

Minutes of General Synod.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, S. M. Roeder, G. S. Gill, and Elders S. Z. Hawbecker, J. Wetzel.

Overtures.—Revs. G. G. Everhart, I. M. Beaver, J. C. Leonard, and Elders B. S. Fouse, M. C. Coblentz.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. C. A. Santee, J. D. Miller, F. A. Rupley, Jr., and Elders H. T. Cushwa, J. Deisinger.

Examination, Licensure and Ordinations.—Revs. G. B. Russell, T. F. Hoffmeier, C. E. Creitz, and Elders J. H. Stephens, D. S. Chronister.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, J. T. Rossiter, E. L. McLean, and Elders D. C. Hammett, J. S. Corle.

Education.—Revs. G. B. Resser, L. Reiter, W. C. Schaeffer, and Elders D. S. Rentch, W. Roulette.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. H. F. Dittmar, G. S. Gill, L. C. Harnish, and Elders B. S. Fouse, J. Deisinger.

Missions.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, J. F. Mackley, G. W. Welsh, and Elders A. R. Schnebly, F. Gutshall.

Sunday Schools.—Revs. H. J. Macalister, W. I. Stewart, I. W. Hendricks, and Elders D. C. Hammett, J. G. Cobler.

Publication.—Revs. C. S. Slagle, J. M. Runkle, E. D. Miller, and Elders J. Dietrich, D. S. Rentch.

Finance.—Revs. C. B. Heller, L. E. Coblentz, S. C. Stover, and Elders A. R. Schnebly, J. Wetzel.

Investing and Auditing Endowment Fund.—Rev. T. J. Barkley, and Elders J. N. Slagle, I. Laucks.

Nominations.—Revs. J. D. Miller, H. S. May, W. C. Sykes, and Elders H. A. Buckey, H. T. Cushwa.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. A. F. Dreisbach, T. F. Hoffmeier, T. C. Strock, and Elders F. Guttshall, I. Laucks.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, the General Board of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday School Board was presented to the Synod, read and referred to the Sunday School Committee.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows; which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following appointments for services:

Wednesday Evening.—General Church Work. Rev. J. David Miller presiding. Topic 1. Work of Elders and Deacons. Address by Rev. G. B. Russell. Topic 2. The Midweek Prayer Service. Address by Rev. W. I. Stewart.

Thursday Evening.—Christian Education. Rev. C. S. Slagle, presiding. Topic 1. The Endowment of Franklin and Marshall College. Address by Rev. A. M. Schmidt. Topic 2. Beneficiary Education—Its Advantages and Necessary Safeguards. Address by Rev. C. A. Santee.

Friday Evening.—Home Missions. Rev. C. B. Heller, presiding. Topic 1. The Reformed Church in the South. Address by Rev. J. L. Murphy. Topic 2. Missions among our Foreign Population. Address by Rev. A. C. Whitmer. Topic 3. City Missions. Address by Rev. C. Clever.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Services. Sermon by Rev. L. E. Coblentz.

Saturday Evening.—Sunday Schools. Topic 1. The Teacher—His Preparation and Work. Address by Rev. J. S. Stahr, D.D. Topic 2. The Outlook of our Sunday School Work. Address by Rev. R. W. Miller.

Sunday Morning, 9.15 o'clock.—Synodical Communion. In charge of the officers of Synod.

Sunday Morning, 10.30 o'clock.—Morning Service. Sermon by Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday School Services. Addresses by members of Synod.

Sunday Evening, 6.45 o'clock.—C. E. Services.

Sunday Evening, 7.30 o'clock.—Foreign Mission Services. Address by Rev. S. N. Callender and Rev. D. B. Scheneder.

CHRIST REFORMED CHURCH.

Sunday Forenoon.—Morning Services. Sermon by Rev. J. S. Stahr.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday School Services. Addresses by members of Synod.

Sunday Evening, 6 o'clock.—C. E. Services.

Sunday Evening, 7 o'clock.—Evening Services. Sermon by Rev. C. Clever.

OTHER CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian Church.—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer in the morning, and Rev. J. C. Bowman in the evening.

Second Presbyterian Church.—Rev. R. W. Miller in the morning, and Rev. E. R. Eschbach in the evening.

Broad Avenue Presbyterian Church.—Rev. G. B. Resser in the morning, and Rev. J. T. Rossiter in the evening.

Third Presbyterian Church.—Rev. E. L. McLean in the

morning, and Rev. I. W. Hendricks in the evening.

First Lutheran Church.—Rev. G. B. Russell in the morning, and Rev. C. B. Heller in the evening.

Second Lutheran Church.—Rev. C. Clever in the morning, and Rev. C. E. Creitz in the evening.

Bethany Lutheran Church.—Rev. A. F. Dreisbach in the morning, and Rev. ——— in the evening.

Millville Lutheran Church.—Rev. L. Reiter in the morning, and Rev. H. S. May in the evening.

Logantown Lutheran Church.—Rev. G. G. Everhart in the morning, and Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier in the evening.

Grace Lutheran Church.—Rev. J. D. Miller in the morning, and Rev. J. T. Balliet in the evening.

First Methodist Church.—Rev. J. A. Hoffheins in the morning, and Rev. G. B. Russell in the evening.

Eighth Avenue Methodist Church.—Rev. C. J. Musser in the morning, and W. I. Stewart in the evening.

Chestnut Avenue Methodist Church.—Rev. S. C. Stover in the morning, and Rev. H. F. Dittmar in the evening.

Fifth Avenue Methodist Church.—Rev. G. W. Welch in the morning, and Rev. E. D. Miller in the evening.

Simpson Methodist Church.—Rev. S. S. Miller in the morning, and Rev. W. Goodrich in the evening.

Walnut Avenue Methodist Church.—Rev. S. M. Roeder in the morning, and Rev. G. Weber in the evening.

Juniata Methodist Church.—Rev. G. Weber in the morning.

Juniata Presbyterian Church.—Rev. H. J. Macalister in the morning, and Rev. J. W. Bell in the evening.

First United Brethren Church.—Rev. E. W. Stonebraker in the evening.

Second United Brethren Church.—Rev. M. M. Noacher in the evening.

First Baptist Church.—Rev. J. M. Runkle in the morning, and Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., in the evening.

United Presbyterian Church.—Rev. H. F. Dittmar in the morning, and Rev. G. S. Gill in the evening.

United Evangelical Church.—Rev. W. H. Groh in the evening.

Bethel Church.—Rev. I. M. Beaver in the morning.

Pennsylvania Railroad Young Men's Christian Association, at 4 p. m.—Rev. R. W. Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MOYER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon, this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Minutes were referred for examination, beg leave, after a careful inspection of them, to report the following items, in our judgment, as claiming the notice and consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 6. A Standing Committee on Investing and Auditing Endowment Funds is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the present meeting of the Synod; of which committee Rev. T. J. Barkley is chairman.

Item 2, page 6. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it will be to report to the present sessions of the Synod; of which committee Rev. F. C. Yost is chairman.

Item 3, page 10. The action of the previous year is reiterated, instructing the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College to submit to the Synod annually a properly audited summarized statement of the receipts and expenditures of said institution, and further, on page 29, the Board is requested to present a statement giving the financial condition of the College and an account of moneys received from various sources and of moneys expended.

Item 4, page 14. The overture of the Mercersburg Classis to the Synod to consider the propriety of reducing the representation of the delegations from the Classes, is laid on the table until the present annual meeting of the Synod.

Item 5, page 28. Zion's and North Carolina Classes are requested to coöperate with the Board of Education in its operations.

Item 6, page 30. A committee is appointed with the view to full and cordial coöperation with the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College in its effort to advance the interests of that institution; of which committee Rev. W. C. Schaeffer is chairman.

Item 7, page 30. North Carolina Classis is invited to consider the propriety of placing Catawba College under the care of the Synod of the Potomac and a committee is appointed for the purpose of conferring with said Classis, and formulating a suitable plan for carrying into effect the proposed action; of which committee Rev. J. O. Miller is chairman.

Item 8, page 31. The Treasurer of Synod is instructed to pay over to the Trustees of Catawba College for the use of its General Endowment Fund certain specified moneys, amounting to \$381.91.

Item 9, page 33. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education, three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, one member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, two members of the Board of Visitors and two members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., whose terms of service will terminate during the present meeting of Synod, or in the near future.

Item 10, page 42. It becomes the duty of the Synod to elect two members of the Synodical Board of Missions, to fill the place of those whose terms of service are about to expire.

Item 11, page 44. Apportionments are made for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian Missions, Harbor Missions, Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary, Calvin College, Contingent Fund of Synod, Chicago Mission Church, and Church Building.

Item 12, page 44. Arrearages are noted as existing on apportionments for Contingent Fund of Synod, Contingent Fund of General Synod, Chicago Mission Church, and Beneficiary Education.

Item 13, page 45. It will be necessary to elect a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod in place of Elder Henry M. Schmuck, whose term of service will end on the 1st of next January.

Item 14, page 46. The Classes are called upon to take certain action in reference to Sunday School matters.

Item 15, page 47. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday School Board to fill the vacancy that will occur therein, during the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 16, page 49. The Stated Clerk is directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of 1895 published.

Item 17, page 51. The special attention of the Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least annually in each of their congrega-

tions on some Sunday before October, in each Synodical year.

Item 18, page 52. A special committee is appointed to prepare and report to the present meeting of the Synod a suitable program of services in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the organization of Reformed congregations in the territory of this Synod by the Rev. Michael Schlatter, which took place in May, 1747; of which committee Rev. W. C. Schaeffer is chairman.

Item 19, page 53. A committee is appointed to devise a plan for the transaction of the business of the Synod; of which committee Rev. J. C. Bowman is chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1, 6 and 7, see Article XIII., Education; on item 2, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; the action contained in item 3 was reiterated; the overture contained in item 4 was not granted; item 8, the Treasurer of Synod discharged the duty; items 9, 10, and 13 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations, to make the required nominations; on items 5, 11 and 12, see Articles X. and XV., Minutes of Classes, and Finance; on item 14, see Article XVIII., Sunday Schools; item 15, the Synod dissolved the Synodical Sunday School Board; on item 16, see Article XX., Publication; and on items 17, 18 and 19, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous.

Report of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod reported during the session of Thursday forenoon. The report was received, disposed of item by item, amended, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Your committee, to whom have been referred the Minutes of the General Synod, begs leave to report, that we have examined the Minutes of the General Synod, which convened in Dayton, Ohio, May 27th, 1896, and find the following items requiring the attention of this District Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 87. The General Synod recommends to the Synods coöperation in mission work with other churches.

Item 2, page 88. The General Synod commends the Woman's Missionary Societies now in existence, and calls the attention of District Synods to the importance of organizing such societies in all the Synods, Classes and congregations of the Church.

Item 3, page 89. The General Synod urges the Synods and Classes to make an earnest effort to secure a yearly average of fifty cents per member for Home Missions.

Item 4, page 126. The General Synod appeals to all District

Synods, Classes and congregations to secure the entire apportionments for Foreign Missions, and the entire Church is called upon to make large free-will offerings for the same cause.

Item 5, page 150. The attention of the several District Synods and the Classes is directed to the General Synod's action on Young People's Societies.

Item 6, page 207. Action adopted by the General Synod modifying the Statistical Tables.

Item 7, page 210. The District Synods are directed to make proper record in their Minutes in regard to the vote of the Classes on the re-submitted or revised Constitution sent down for approval or rejection by the Classes.

Item 8, page 246. The General Synod apportions the following sums upon this Synod, to wit: Contingent Expenses, \$700.00; Home Missions, \$9,700.00 annually; Harbor Mission, \$140.00 annually; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$840.00 annually; work among the Germans in the large towns and cities, \$840.00 annually; Foreign Missions, \$5,100.00 annually.

Item 9, page 259. The cause of Beneficiary Education is earnestly commended to the Synods and Classes.

Item 10, page 267. The General Synod will meet, in triennial sessions, in the Second Reformed Church of Tiffin, Seneca county, Ohio, on Tuesday after Whitsuntide, A. D., 1899, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 2, and 3 were severally approved; items 4 and 5 were approved, and then referred to the Committee on Missions; items 6 and 10 were adopted; items 7 and 9 were approved, and the attention of the Classes called to the action; and the amounts apportioned in item 8 were accepted, and then referred to the Committee on Finance to be apportioned among the several Classes of the Synod.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit:

Item 1. A communication from the President of Calvin College in the interest of said institution.

Item 2. A paper in the interest of Wichita University.

Item 3. A report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

Item 4. A letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Pittsburgh Synod in reference to the action taken by said Synod in regard to Wichita University.

Item 5. An overture from H. Mosser, in reference to the same matter.

Item 6. An overture from Rev. H. King in the interest of an Educational Endowment.

Item 7. A communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Eastern Synod, having reference to Professor Houses at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 8. An overture from the President of the Board of Managers of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, in the interest of said Home.

Item 9. A communication setting forth certain rules and regulations, adopted by the Board of Education, in the interests of Beneficiary Education.

Item 10. A letter from Rev. J. W. Santee in the interest of the "Reformed Quarterly Review."

Item 11. An overture from the President of the Pittsburgh Synod in the interest of the publications of the Church.

Item 12. A letter from Rev. J. G. Schmid of the Portland-Oregon Classis, asking to be excused from attendance upon the present meeting of the Synod, etc.

Item 13. A communication from Rev. R. W. Miller, in the interest of the "Reformed Church Tidings."

Item 14. An overture from the President of General Synod's Sunday School Board, in the interest of the general Sunday School work.

Item 15. A report of Franklin and Marshall College, by the President of the College.

Item 16. An overture in the interest of the American Anti-Saloon Association, from its President.

Item 17. An overture from Rev. Alexander McLean, General Secretary of the American Bible Society, in the interest of said Society.

Item 18. A copy of the College Folio of the Allentown College for Women.

Item 19. The annual statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 20. A communication from the President of the Eastern Synod, in the interest of securing additional ground as sites for the contemplated professor houses.

Item 21. A memorial on a Temperance Sabbath, from the Superintendent of the W. C. T. U., of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. G. EVERHART, *Chairman.*

The action of the Synod on the report is as follows: On items 1, 6, 7, 9, 15, and 20, see Article XIII., Education; on items 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 16, 17, 19, and 21, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; on items 10 and 11, see Article XX., Publication; on item 12, Rev. J. G. Schmid was excused for non-attendance upon the present meeting of the Synod; on item 13, see Article XIV., Missions; on item 14, see Article XVIII., Sunday Schools; item 18 was adopted.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Friday morning, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands, except those of the Portland-Oregon Classis. From these the following items have been obtained:

I.—Irregularities.

1. Zion's Classis appointed an elder on each of two committees of supply.

II.—Requests and Recommendations.

2. Maryland Classis overtures the Synod to secure an endowment of \$20,000.00 for the Woman's College, at Frederick, Md.

3. North Carolina Classis agreed upon a plan for carrying out Synod's recommendation with respect to placing Catawba College under the care of the Synod, and overtures Synod for additional encouragement in the endowment of said College.

4. The same Classis asks that credit be given by Synod's Treasurer for Home Missions, Church Building, and Beneficiary Education funds, for which they furnish their receipts, and also overtures the Synod to permit the continuance of the policy pursued by the Classis in the matter of Beneficiary Education.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.

None.

IV.—Subjects Referred to the Classes.

5. Zion's Classis accepted all the recommendations of the Synod, and agrees to coöperate with the Board of Education in carrying on its beneficiary education work, but instructs its Treasurer to send all moneys for this object to the Treasurer of Synod.

6. Maryland Classis accepts all the recommendations of the Synod.

7. Mercersburg Classis accepted all the requests of the Synod, except the six cents per member for Church-building, which was referred to the consistories, to be carried out as far as possible. Through an oversight of the Committee on Finance, the Classis failed to apportion the full amount for Foreign Missions.

8. Virginia Classis took favorable action on all subjects referred to it, except it apportioned only \$300.00 of the \$651.00 for Home Missions, and \$300.00 of the \$342.00 for Foreign Missions.

9. North Carolina Classis took favorable action on all subjects, with the following exceptions: Coöperation with Synod's Board of Education. The Classis pledges itself to do all it possibly can for Foreign Missions, but does not accept the apportionment, and does not assume the apportionments for Home Missions, Theological Seminary, Calvin College, and Harbor Missions.

10. Gettysburg Classis accepts all recommendations and apportionments, but does not deem it expedient to elect delegates to the Synodical Missionary Society.

11. Carlisle Classis accepts all the recommendations and apportionments of the Synod.

12. Juniata Classis accedes to all the references of the Synod, except the apportionment for Church-building, which was not assumed, and calls Synod's attention to the fact that the Classis is given credit on page 35 of the Minutes of Synod for 1895, for the payment of \$152.00, the amount apportioned for Chicago Mission Church, the amount having been sent direct to the Treasurer of Home Missions, instead of the Treasurer of Synod, as the other Classes did. The Classis requests to be apportioned only the amount needed to support the beneficiaries under its care.

All the Classes took favorable action with reference to the Synod's recommendation as to Sunday School work.

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

13. Zion's Classis received the licentiates William U. Helfrich and Henry M. J. Klein from the Lehigh Classis, and ordained them to the Holy Ministry; and dismissed Rev. Isaac N. Peightel to the Mercersburg Classis.

14. Maryland Classis licensed William E. Bushong and Charles D. Shaffer; ordained the licentiate Frederick W. Bald to the Gospel Ministry; received Rev. George M. Zacharias from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod, Rev. William C. B. Shulenberger from the Lancaster Classis of the Ohio Synod, Rev. Cyrus Cort, D.D., from the Philadelphia Classis; and dismissed Rev. Charles A. Santee to the Mercersburg Classis, Rev. James R. Lewis and licentiate Charles D. Shaffer to the Wichita Classis, licentiate Henry W. Wissler to the East Susquehanna Classis, licentiate William E. Bushong to the Wyoming Classis, and Rev. Anthony Shulenberger to the North Carolina Classis.

15. Mercersburg Classis received Rev. Isaac N. Peightel from the Zion's Classis, Rev. Abner S. Dechant from the Kansas Classis, Rev. Albert H. Hibshman from the East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. Jonathan W. Miller from the Tohickon Classis, Rev. Charles A. Santee from the Maryland Classis, Rev. Charles M. Smith from the West Susquehanna Classis, and licentiate Edward O. Keen from the Reading Classis, and ordained him to the work of the Christian Ministry; and dismissed Rev. Zwingli A. Yearick to the West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. Tilghman R. Dietz to the Reading Classis, Rev. George C. Erb to the Juniata Classis, and Rev. Abner S. Dechant to the Illinois Classis.

16. Virginia Classis received Rev. Lewis T. Lampe from the Somerset Classis.

17. North Carolina Classis licensed Clarence Clapp; and received Rev. Anthony Shulenberger from the Maryland Classis.

18. Gettysburg Classis licensed William A. Kline; received Rev. Marsby J. Roth from the Lehigh Classis; and dismissed Rev. Joseph D. Peters to the West Chester Classis of the Reformed Church in America.

19. Carlisle Classis licensed Charles E. Wagner and David J. Wolf; received Rev. Titus C. Strock from the Juniata Classis; and dismissed licentiate David J. Wolf to the Westmoreland Classis.

20. Juniata Classis licensed J. Calvin Bolger and James M. S. Isenberg; received Rev. Thomas K. Cromer from the Virginia Classis, Rev. George C. Erb from the Mercersburg Classis; and dismissed Rev. Titus C. Strock to the Carlisle Classis, licentiate J. Calvin Bolger to the Kansas Classis, and licentiate James M. S. Isenberg to the Tohickon Classis.

VI.—Places and Times of the Next Annual Meetings.

21. Zion's Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church, of York, Pa., May 18th, A. D., 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. M. A. Peters, *President*; Rev. A. Spangler, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder Dr. J. Deisinger, *Treasurer*.

22. Maryland Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church of Westminster, Carroll county, Md., May 19th, A. D. 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. E. R. Eschbach, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatruck, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder S. Dutrow, *Treasurer*.

23. Mercersburg Classis will meet in Heidelberg Reformed Church of Marion, Franklin county, Pa., May 13th, A. D. 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. I. M. Beaver, *President*; Rev. W. M. Deatruck, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

24. Virginia Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Shepherdstown, Jefferson county, W. Va., May 12th, A. D. 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. N. H. Skyles, *President*; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

25. North Carolina Classis will meet in Mount Hope Reformed Church of Danville, N. C., May 5th, A. D. 1897, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Rev. A. H. Smith, *President*; Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder A. A. Shuford, *Treasurer*.

26. Gettysburg Classis will meet in Christ's Reformed Church of Adams county, Pa., May 12th, A. D. 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. M. M. Noacher, *President*; Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

27. Carlisle Classis will meet in Union Church of Blain, Perry county, Pa., May 20th, A. D. 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. M. Runkle, *President*; Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

28. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Everett, Bedford county, Pa., May 20th, A. D. 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. W. A. Long, *President*; Rev. J. W. Pontius, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. SANTEE, *Chairman*.

Item 1 adopted, and the attention of the Classis called to the irregularity; for the action of Synod on items 2 and 3, see Article XIII., Education; items 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13-28 inclusively were severally adopted; on item 5, the action of last year was reiterated, and the Classis was instructed to pay its funds for beneficiary education to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, instead of to the Treasurer of the Synod; on items 8 and 9, the Synod expressed its regrets that the Classes of Virginia and North Carolina did not deem themselves able and willing to accept the full apportionments of the Synod.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod, during the session of Monday morning, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The review of a year's work in the vineyard of the Lord always furnishes occasion for devout thanksgiving to Almighty God for the grace and mercy vouchsafed to us in Christ Jesus. However far we may ourselves have come short in the realization of our high calling. His goodness and mercy have been present with us in perennial streams of blessing. In everything we are "enriched by Him, in all utterance and in all knowledge." As ever before, His promises have been verified to us during the year that is past.

The reports which have been submitted to us speak of faithful work on the part of our pastors and people. The usual services of God's house have been maintained; the Word has been faithfully preached; the Sacraments have been administered; the children and youths of the Church have been instructed in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion, both in the Sunday School and in the catechetical class; and all the regular activities of the Church have been sustained. As we have the blessed assurance that the Word of the Lord shall not return unto Him void, but accomplish that which He please, and prosper in the thing whereto He sent it, we may rest assured that the seed, thus sown in faith, will in due time bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of His name.

Though we have not yet reached the time of reaping, we can even now see evidences that the Lord is prospering our work. During the year 1,715 persons were received into full membership by confirmation, and 929 were added by certificate and renewal of profession. A comparison of the statistical table of the present year with those of the last few years shows a gradual but steady increase in our membership. The fact that this increase has been constant for some years indicates, we believe, a healthy conviction in the piety and faith of our congregations. The Sunday School membership shows a slight fall-

ing off as compared with last year, though it is still considerably in advance of the year previous. In view of the fact that we hear complaints on all sides in consequence of the financial stringency, it is a pleasure to note that there has been an increase in the benevolent contributions over last year; though it is to be deplored that the apportionments, especially for Home Missions and Beneficiary Education, have not in all cases been fully met. There are still those among us who feel their responsibility and esteem their privileges in this respect very lightly.

The missionary operations of the Church within the bounds of the Synod are in a healthy and encouraging condition. The results attained have been gratifying, while the outlook for the future seems to be steadily growing brighter. This seems to be especially true with regard to our churches in the South. At least one of the objects in the organization of the Synod of the Potomac was the extension of our Church in this large and important territory. It is a cause for congratulation and thanksgiving that a closer bond of sympathy is binding our churches in the North with those in the South, which have hitherto been too much isolated for the common good. Under the blessing of God, we believe that we may look forward hopefully to the strengthening of the things that remain and to the entrance of our church into places where we have hitherto been unknown.

The educational work of the Synod is especially worthy of mention. Our institutions of learning are all in a flourishing condition. So great has been the prosperity that we are literally embarrassed by the demands which their steady growth has made upon us. The Theological Seminary, the oldest of all our schools, continues to prosper and to prepare laborers for the vineyard, who need not be ashamed.

Franklin and Marshall College is rapidly growing too large for its former accommodations and equipment, and challenges us with the imperative demand for a greatly increased endowment. The Woman's College of Frederick, though but a few years old, has attained an enviable reputation, and also claims the attention and gifts of our people. Mercersburg College has put on new life and is constantly growing. And last to come under our care, Catawba College opens a new and wider sphere of influence, promising to be an important factor in our future missionary work, if once it is properly equipped and endowed. May the great Head of the Church inspire us with new zeal and endue us with increased energy, so that we may come up to the measure of the opportunities which have thus been opened to us!

Having outlived the theological controversies of the past, and having come to an era of profound peace throughout the

whole extent of our Zion—a peace which has been attained, not by the surrender of principle, but by the cultivation of that charity, which is “the very bond of perfectness, and of all virtues”—we have evidently come to the time in which we are called upon to take up the practical work of the Church as never before—to fulfill the office of servants of the Lord, “to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.” The Lord hath done great things for us in the heritage which He has given to us; and He evidently is calling us to do great things for Him. May He so hold us by the hand and so guide us by His Spirit that we may show ourselves worthy of the high calling wherewith we are called, and faithful in the great trust which He has committed to our hands!

One minister, Rev. Milton H. Groh, was called to his reward during the year, admonishing us that the night cometh in which no man can work, and that we also should be ready, whenever the Lord shall call.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman.*

(For Statistical Tables, see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education, through its Treasurer, begs leave to submit the following annual report, for the year ending October 1st, 1896:

The organization of the Board remains the same as at our last annual report to the Synod, namely: Rev. William C. Cremer, D.D., *President*; Rev. J. David Miller, *Secretary*; and Rev. William M. Deatrick, D.D., *Treasurer*.

The Board held two meetings during the year—the first at Frederick, Md., last October, at the close of the meeting of the Synod, when the organization of the Board for the year took place; and the annual meeting in Chambersburg, Pa., August 13th last, when the annual appropriations to the beneficiary students were made, and other necessary duties and business transacted, some of which will come before the Synod separate and apart from this report.

The operations of the Board have been carried forward with a fair degree of prosperity and success, notwithstanding the

unusual financial depression that has prevailed to a greater or less degree in all sections of our country. And as a Board we have reason for devout thankfulness to our gracious Heavenly Father for His favor and benediction upon the work entrusted to us by the Synod.

Five of the young men under our care and supervision have completed the full collegiate and theological course of training for the work of the Christian Ministry, namely, J. Calvin Bolger, William E. Bushong, James M. S. Isenberg, Charles E. Wagner, and David J. Wolf. Mr. Bushong was licensed by the Maryland Classis, Messrs. Bolger and Isenberg by the Juniata Classis, and Messrs. Wagner and Wolf by the Carlisle Classis. Messrs. Bushong and Isenberg are located in pastoral fields in the Eastern Synod, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Wolf in the Pittsburgh Synod, and Mr. Bolger in the Synod of the Interior.

Twenty-four beneficiary students have been aided in their studies by funds from the treasury of the Board, during the past year, in amounts ranging from twenty-five to one hundred and fifty dollars, amounting in the aggregate to \$2,645.00, which is \$440.00 less than the previous year.

Four young men were enrolled as beneficiary students under our care and supervision at the annual meeting of the Board in Chambersburg, and one since, namely: Blanchard A. Black and John E. Stone at the request of the Juniata Classis; Frederick A. Cook at the request of the Maryland Classis; Charles A. Waltman at that of the Gettysburg Classis; and Chalmers W. Walck at that of the Mercersburg Classis. One of our beneficiaries, George E. Shaw, departed this life, during the year. Two of them have been dropped from the roll of beneficiary students, as no longer entitled to assistance. At present, twenty-five beneficiaries are on our list, who hold their Classical connection as follows: Maryland Classis, six; Mercersburg Classis, five; Gettysburg Classis, six; Juniata Classis, three; Carlisle Classis, three; Virginia Classis, one; and Zion's Classis, one. They are Charles A. Bushong, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Henry H. Hartman, Theodore C. Hesson, Ezra D. Lantz, James M. Mullan, *Seminary Seniors*; Frederick C. Seitz, *Seminary Middler*; Moses A. Kieffer, and Nevin L. Weidner, *Seminary Juniors*; John W. Gilds, and Scott R. Wagner, *College Seniors*; W. Stuart Cramer, John S. Heffner, William A. Kepner, and John K. McKee, *College Juniors*; Robert L. Bair, Joseph E. Guy, John H. Smith, and Charles A. Waltman, *College Sophomores*; Blanchard A. Black, Frederick A. Cook, John H. Dietrich, Aaron M. Gluck, and John E. Stone, *College Freshmen*; and Chalmers W. Walck, less far advanced.

The appropriations by the Board to the foregoing named young men, for the current scholastic year, amount to \$3,400, that is, \$1,023.60 more than the receipts of the past year from

apportionments, amount refunded by former beneficiaries, and interest on investments, not counting the amount in the treasury at last report, \$608.75, which was nearly double the amount in the treasury at this time. To meet this deficiency, it will be absolutely necessary that the apportionments be paid more fully and promptly.

It may be proper to state that eighteen of the beneficiaries are connected with the institutions at Lancaster, Pa., six at Collegeville, Pa., and one at Mercersburg, Pa.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the receipts of the following sums for Beneficiary Education during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, omitting dates of payment into the treasury, summarizing them when there have been two or more contributions from the same charge or congregation, and also including the amounts received from Sunday Schools, where offerings have been given by them, so as to present the sum-total contributed by each pastoral charge respectively, except in the cases of the Gettysburg, Virginia, Juniata, and Zion's Classes, where the sources of receipts were not specified.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Maryland Classis:—First Church of Baltimore, \$70.86; Midtown Church, \$65.00; First Church of Hagerstown, \$55.00; St. Paul's Church of Baltimore, \$50.00; Silver Run Church, \$46.00; Cavetown Charge, \$40.00; Manor Charge, \$30.00; Utica Charge, \$27.00; Clear Spring Charge, \$25.00; Woodberry Church, \$18.00; Union Bridge Charge, \$16.98; Boonsboro Charge, \$15.00; Christ Church of Baltimore, \$13.00; Thurmont Charge, \$12.07; Faith Church of Baltimore, \$11.00; Mount Pleasant Charge, \$10.49; Washington Mission, \$10.00; Burkittsville Charge, \$8.00; Carroll Charge, \$3.79; Braddock Church, \$3.00; Grace Church of Baltimore, \$2.00; and refunded by a former beneficiary (D.), \$50.00. Making \$582.19

Mercersburg Classis:—First Church of Chambersburg, \$80.59; Waynesboro Charge, \$72.69; Grindstonehill Charge, \$38.59; Mercersburg Charge, \$35.89; Greencastle Charge, \$35.83; St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro, \$35.59; Second Church of Chambersburg, \$35.00; Shippensburg Church \$25.59; Loudon Charge, \$20.59; St. Thomas Charge, \$2.59; McConnellsburg Charge, \$1.00; interest on Jacob Stoudenour legacy, \$12.00; refunded by a former beneficiary (R.), \$115.00; and also by another beneficiary (G.), \$30.00. Making \$540.95.

Gettysburg Classis:—Per Treasurer of Classis, \$270.00, and First Church of Hanover, \$150.00. Making \$420.

Carlisle Classis:—New Bloomfield Charge, \$56.25; Zion's Charge, \$54.41; Carlisle Church, \$50.60; Mechanicsburg

Church, \$39.55; Landisburg Charge, \$39.05; Carlisle Springs Charge, \$29.10; Duncannon Charge, \$29.10; and Newburg Church, \$22.20. Making \$320.26.

Virginia Classis:—Per Treasurer of Classis, \$300.00.

Juniata Classis:—Per Treasurer of Classis, \$188.00.

Zion's Classis:—Per Treasurer of Synod, \$25.00.

Recapitulation.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury at last report, October 1st, 1895.....	\$608.75
Received from Maryland Classis.....	582.19
“ “ Mercersburg Classis.....	540.95
“ “ Gettysburg Classis.....	420.00
“ “ Carlisle Classis.....	320.26
“ “ Virginia Classis.....	300.00
“ “ Juniata Classis.....	188.00
“ “ Zion's Classis.....	25.00
Total receipts.....	\$2,985.15

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS.

Paid to beneficiary students of Maryland Classis.....	\$690.00
“ “ “ Gettysburg Classis.....	650.00
“ “ “ Carlisle Classis.....	550.00
“ “ “ Mercersburg Classis.....	450.00
“ “ “ Virginia Classis.....	150.00
“ “ “ Juniata Classis.....	150.00
“ “ “ Zion's Classis.....	25.00
Postage and stationery.....	2.25
Balance in Treasury, October 1st, 1896.....	317.90
Making	\$2,985.15

We do hereby certify that we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and have found the same to be correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer's report, together with the summaries of receipts and payments, is a faithful statement of the same. We accordingly find the balance in the treasury to be \$317.90, on the 1st day of October, 1896.

WM. C. SCHAEFFER,
WM. C. CREMER.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to the Synod during the session of Wednesday afternoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:
To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to present to your reverend body the following annual report:

At our annual meeting in June, 1896, the Board organized by the re-election of the same officers as last year, viz: W.

Rush Gillan, *President*; Rev. F. F. Bahner, *Secretary*; and E. J. Bonbrake, *Treasurer*.

It is with great pleasure and sincere gratification that we announce that the school is enjoying a greater degree of prosperity and a larger measure of patronage than ever before.

The Commencement exercises in June were well attended and very interesting.

During the year one hundred and six students were enrolled. Forty-two of them finished the course.

Of these, eleven have entered Franklin and Marshall College; one Ursinus; one Princeton; two Cornell; one Washington and Jefferson; three Lafayette; two the University of Pennsylvania; one Dickinson; one Lehigh; one Harvard; one Williams; one Jefferson Medical College, and one Philadelphia Dental College.

Fifteen are not at school.

We are informed that a number of those who entered Franklin and Marshall College intend to enter the ministry of our Church.

Notwithstanding the prevalent financial depression, and the large number who finished the course last year, the school opened this year with a larger number than was enrolled at the opening of any previous year, there being at the opening seventy-seven boarders and twenty-four day scholars.

The Faculty consists, in addition to Dr. Irvine, the President, of S. G. Shartle, A. B., English and Modern Languages; L. A. Morrow, A. B., Greek, English and Oratory; Van K. Irvine, A. B., Latin; H. E. Smith, A. B., Mathematics; A. Cort, A. B., Latin and Mathematics; G. B. Snyder, C. E., Natural Sciences and Military Tactics; E. A. Cremer, A. B., Greek, History and Calisthenics.

In addition to this there is an instructor in vocal and instrumental music.

For the year ending in June, 1896, the receipts of the school were.....	\$15,981.99
Expenses of the school, including salaries paid	12,106.75

Earnings above expenses.....	\$3,875.24
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The old building has been heated by steam, at a cost of one thousand six hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,650.00.)

A new building has been added, adjoining the old College building on the south.

This building is three stories high and is forty-five by sixty-five feet.

On the first floor is a chapel or hall, with a seating capacity of two hundred and fifty; two recitation rooms and one dormitory.

On the second floor are seven dormitories, library and two

recitation rooms, and on the third floor are the society halls and one dormitory.

The building has been heated by steam; a large tank has been placed on the second floor of the old building, into which is carried all the water from the roof of the entire building.

Bath rooms and water closets are supplied from this tank, so that there are now hot and cold water baths.

The contract price of the new building is seven thousand and eighty-five dollars.

The heating of the new building will cost eight hundred dollars.

The cost of the water supply will be about eight hundred dollars.

Neither of these improvements is as yet completed.

We will give a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of these improvements in our next report.

Recent storms damaged the building to some extent.

We are having the damaged part repaired, the cost of which will be about two hundred dollars.

Thus it is that we come again before the Synod to present an account of our stewardship.

When we consider that it is but three years since Dr. Irvine took charge of this school, then without patronage and without equipment; that these three years have been marked by a financial depression, the like of which is not within our memories; that there have been those, during all that time who predicted a failure rather than success; that we have now a school of over one hundred; a building with modern conveniences and fairly well equipped; that last year we sent from us forty-two students; that at the end of this school year we will send out thirty-five more, we cannot but say, "Thanks be to Almighty God" that we have been permitted to have taken at least a part in the accomplishing of this great good.

We say to the Church, with the greatest degree of confidence, here is a training school for boys (the only school of its kind under the care of the Synod of the Potomac) which will compare favorably with any school in the country.

It is not only a school which challenges and deserves your support, but it is a school which you can, without any hesitation or lack of confidence, recommend to the people of any church in the land.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Directors of the Woman's College, of Frederick, Md., herewith present their third annual report:

The officers of the Board are, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D.,

President, Rev. C. S. Slagle, Secretary, and Prof. Jos. H. Apple, Treasurer and Financial Agent.

Three regular meetings of the Board were held during the year, as follows: in April, for reorganization, the election of the Faculty and the outlining of the work for the next year; during Commencement week, and again in connection with the opening of the present collegiate year. The work in the interim is conducted through a local committee, and when, in its judgment, it is necessary, special meetings of the full Board are called.

We have given time and thoughtful attention to the interests committed to us and everything has been done in accordance with our best judgment.

By reference to the catalogue it will be seen that the entire enrolment of students during last year was 133, of which number 45 were boarders.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board was audited September 10th, 1896, and found to be correct.

The total receipts from all sources, pertaining to the College work, were \$10,823.33, and the outlay for current expenses and loss was \$11,059.00, creating a net deficiency of \$225.67 for the current year.

Upon careful examination, we find that our total liabilities of every kind are \$1,577.11, whilst our total resources, comprehending unpaid accounts, fuel, provisions, supplies, books, stationery, music, furniture and fixtures, are \$2,037.37, leaving to our credit \$460.26.

This balance does not, however, meet the necessary outlay for increased equipment.

The rental of \$1,000 for the past year has been paid.

The Scientific and Chemical Laboratory constructed and equipped last year, at a cost of \$500, has been paid for during the year, by the liberality of a few friends of the College in and around Frederick, through the agency of Prof. Apple.

Additions to the library to the value of \$80, have been made during the year, without drawing upon the resources of the College.

A year of successful College work was closed on the 11th of June last, at which time a class of six was graduated, amid evidences of wide-spread interest and enthusiasm.

The fourth year of College work was resumed on Tuesday, September 8th, 1896, under encouraging auspices. The course of study is being gradually raised and extended. Classes in each year's course are fully organized and a larger number of students than ever before are enrolled in the regular College classes. This is a decided and important advance.

There is a growing confidence in the ability of the College to benefit its patrons. This is manifest by the extension of its

patronage into new and distant territory. The present enrolment is in excess of that of last year and has in it representatives from six States, sixteen of whom are the daughters of ministers of the Reformed Church.

The buildings are in better condition than ever before for the reception of students.

Several distinct gains to the Faculty have been made. Jennie Thomas succeeds Ellen Souder as teacher of Elocution. Bes-sie A. Wentz has taken entire charge of the Primary Department; Cyrus Thomas, Ph.D., is Lecturer on Natural History, and Mary Noss, instructor in Science.

During the past summer, five of our Faculty were at Chautauqua, N. Y., under the instruction of specialists in their several departments, and have returned with the latest and best methods for their class-room work. The real enthusiasm on the part of our Faculty is full of promise and counts for very much as to our future work.

Internally the affairs of the College are all that could be expected.

Three years of College work has been successfully carried on without any cost whatever to this Synod or the Church in general. The burden and responsibility have thus far been carried entirely by your Board and President Apple. This can be no longer successfully done, as our experience has demonstrated to us. We must have assistance or relief.

There are three ways in which this can be obtained. *First*, by cheapening the Faculty and the boarding. This would lower the standard of the College, create dissatisfaction and sacrifice all that has been gained by three years of hard and honest work.

Second, by increasing the charges to the students. In this way the high standard of the College may be maintained, but it would place it beyond the reach of that larger class of our own people for whom it was especially called into existence.

Third, by raising an endowment, the interest of which shall at least be equal to the rent that must be paid for our buildings.

This latter plan is the only one that commends itself to your Board, and that we can conceive that the Church would be willing to consider. It is in itself feasible, just and right. The claims of our daughters upon our financial resources as a Church, must be recognized as well as those of our sons.

To lower the standard of the College to that of the ordinary ladies' boarding school would leave us no reasonable excuse to prosecute the work for the higher education of our daughters, which has been so auspiciously begun.

To materially increase the charges of the College would exclude that large class of our people who most need and are most benefited by the present arrangement, and would compel

us to compete for patronage chiefly outside of our own Church. We feel sure that this Synod would not care to conduct a church school along this line.

To continue the work as at present conducted, and to successfully carry it forward, we must have help and we need it at once.

We have also reached a point in our history at which it is important that your Board should become a body "Incorporate in Law," with power to confer degrees. In the present Senior Class there are students who will complete the full course of studies as outlined for our College work, and upon whom suitable degrees should be conferred at the close of the present year. There is at this time no authority lodged in any body to confer such degrees. We therefore ask that you authorize us to become "Incorporated."

In accordance with your instructions given last year, we have effected an extension of our present lease for ten years, modified by the following language, which is officially endorsed on the lease, namely:

"September 28, 1896. By order of the Board of Trustees of the Frederick Female Seminary, the above lease is hereby extended for the term of ten years from August 1st, 1898, subject to the modification in regard to the manner of paying the rental agreed to by this Board on October 21st, 1895, to wit: that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per annum herein before stipulated to be paid, five hundred dollars thereof shall be applied by this Board in payment for tuition for pupils selected by it, at the usual rates."

Witness the hand and seal of the President of the Board of Trustees of the Frederick Female Seminary.

True copy.

CHAS. E. TRAIL, [SEAL]
President of the Board.

Attest:—JOHN H. CUTSHALL.

It will be observed that the terms on which this ten years' extension of the lease has been secured are in our favor, when compared with the conditions imposed by the original lease, and are the best that can be secured.

Respectfully submitted on the part of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md.

FREDERICK, MD., Oct., 1896.

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President.*

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.
To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—The undersigned hereby presents to your honorable body the following as the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1895-'96.

1. In September, 1895, the Seminary began its work for the year with thanksgivings and rejoicings, in the new building erected on its own ground. It had been carried forward previously for 23 years in inadequate quarters in the college building; and its occupancy of a new structure of its own, which is all that could be desired, presents a marked contrast, for which the Church at large should be truly thankful to Almighty God, who has thus blessed our School of the Prophets.

2. The following young gentlemen were admitted to the *Junior Class* in September, 1895: Albert Orlando Bartholomew, Luton M. Fetterolf, Hugh Kerr Fulton, Paul Lambert Gerhard, Edwin Mittman Hartman, George W. Hartman, Thaddeus G. Helm, Paul S. Leinbach, Gustav R. Poetter, Ward W. Reese, Calvin J. Rhen, Morris E. Schadt, Daniel E. Schaeffer, Frederick Curtis Seitz, George E. Shaw, William D. Stoyer, and Victor J. Tingler, 17 in all; of this number 10 were graduates of F. & M. College; one of John Hopkins University; one of Muhlenberg College; one from Ursinus College; one of Thiel College; one of Calvin College; one of Harvard University, and one was admitted from F. & M. Academy. During the winter Mr. Shaw was overtaken with a serious illness, and in the providence of God was removed to a better country. He was an earnest and faithful Christian, a diligent student, and one of the most proficient in his class.

3. The *Middle Class* consisted of the persons admitted to the Junior Class in 1894, with the exception of Messrs. Nace and Plank, who did not return during the year; but two new students were added to their number, Conrad A. Hauser, a graduate of John Hopkins, and the Rev. Charles F. McMann, a minister of the Baptist Church. Total, 29.

4. The *Senior Class* consisted of the following members: Joseph P. Bachman, Benoni Bates, J. Calvin Bolger, John W. Buck, William E. Bushong, Moses N. George, Frederick C. Hüllhorst, Edward O. Keen, Harry M. Klein, Edwin H. Laubach, D. Elmer Master, Frank H. Moyer, Jacob G. Rupp, Charles D. Shaffer, Adam P. Stover, Jacob N. Wagenhurst, Charles E. Wagner, Ernest E. Weaver, and David J. Wolf; total, 19. Having pursued the course prescribed in the Seminary, the members of this class received the usual *Testimonials* at the anniversary of the Seminary, in May. The number of students enrolled was 65.

5. As regards "the moral and Christian conduct of the students, their application to study and their readiness to engage in the practical work of the Church, there is nothing to be said," in the opinion of the Faculty, "but what is commendable." If there is any difference, the average standing of the students as to scholarship and Christian character was rather

higher than that of some previous years. Their average grades for scholarship were encouraging.

6 The instruction in elocution during the year has been satisfactory. According to the report of the Faculty, "Miss Morgan has rendered better satisfaction to her classes than any male teacher we have ever been able to engage." She, however, has declined to serve during the coming year, and no arrangement has been made to fill her place.

7. As a Board, we have endeavored to discharge our responsible duties, and it is our privilege once more to report that the Seminary, under the divine care, continues to be in a prosperous condition, furnishing more laborers for the moral harvests of the world. To the Father in Heaven be all the praise.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 5, 1896.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Enclosed find a synopsis of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the Board held two special and two regular meetings. The special meetings were held Nov. 19th, 1895, and Dec. 3d, 1895, to take action in reference to the erection of a house for the Potomac Synod's professor. As the Seminary grounds were not considered suitable for the erection of the house, the Building Committee suggested the purchase of a lot of ground on James street, from Professor Theodore Appel. No final action was then taken.

The regular annual meeting was held on May 14th, 1896, when the following officers were elected: President, George N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess, and Treasurer, John B. Roth. At this meeting a committee was appointed to purchase the lot above referred to, at \$50 per foot.

The regular fall meeting of the Board was held in the Seminary building, on October 6th, 1896, at which meeting the committee, appointed in May, reported that in accordance with the instruction of the Board they had purchased a lot from Prof. Theodore Appel, containing a frontage of 50 feet on James street, at \$50 per foot (\$2,500), whereupon the Board passed the following preambles and resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees found it necessary to secure additional ground for the erection of a professor's house at a cost of \$2,500, and

WHEREAS, \$1,250 has only been secured for that purpose by the personal subscription of individual members of the Board,

and a further sum of \$1,250 will be needed to pay for the property, therefore,

Resolved, That the three Synods be requested to assume the balance (viz., \$1,250), and provide funds for the payment of the same.

In reference to the current expenses of the Theological Seminary, the following action was taken by the Board:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, in its report of 1894, requested the Synods to provide such an increase of the endowment fund that the interest accruing from the same will meet the deficiency annually arising, and

WHEREAS, The Synods were then requested to assume *annual apportionments* for an adequate amount until sufficient revenues be obtained from other sources, therefore,

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to appropriate \$1,200 to meet the annual expenses of the present year, in the following manner:

Eastern Synod	\$600
Potomac Synod	400
Pittsburg Synod	200

The following minute was adopted, in reference to the death of Daniel W. Gross, a former member of the Board:

"It has become the sad duty of the Board of Trustees to make a record of the departure of one who was for a long time a distinguished and influential member of our body, Daniel W. Gross, of Harrisburg, Pa. For twenty-five years and upwards he was our efficient and honored presiding officer. Only when the increasing infirmities of advancing age demanded it, were the Eastern Synod and the Board willing to yield to his persistent request to be relieved of the responsibilities of his official trust.

"Mr. Gross was a devoted member of the Reformed Church, a warm and faithful friend of the Theological Seminary and of Franklin and Marshall College, a wise, steady and liberal supporter of every measure adopted to promote the growth of these institutions. He was not only a faithful friend, but he was no less a judicious counsellor, whose judgment in practical affairs commanded the respect of all who were associated with him.

"Whilst we lament his departure and keenly feel the loss which this Board and the Church militant have sustained, we are profoundly grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ for the long life and noble services of such a man of faith; and we rejoice in the testimony to the virtue of Christian truth, which by his fidelity and the consistency of his character he has bequeathed to us."

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS,
Secretary.

HELLERTOWN, October 7th, 1896.

Synopsis of the Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

Synopsis of the report of John B. Roth, Treasurer, to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Endowment Fund.

Oct.	1. Amount of Endowment Fund.....	\$94,418.69
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1896

DR.

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Oct.	1 To sundry incomes and interests received from October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896.....	\$6,331.61
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CR.

By salary accounts and sundry bills paid as per vouchers from October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896	7,075.81
Balance due Treasurer October 1, 1895.....	2,328.12

1896.	By amount Dr. brought down.....	\$9,403.93 6,331.61
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Oct.	1. Amount balance due Treasurer.....	\$3,072.32
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Library Fund.

Principal	\$1,819.96
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DR.

Received interest on fund to October 1, 1896..	\$65.99
Received balance due to Oct. 1, 1895.....	202.22

\$268.21

CR.

1896.	By sundry bills paid to date.....	\$161.10
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Oct.	1. Balance due fund.....	\$107.11
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The William A. Wilt Fund.

Oct.	1. Principal	\$833.33
	Interest on this fund accounted for in the cur- rent expenses account of Seminary.	

Smaltz Fund.

1896.	1. Principal	\$5,000.00
Oct.	1. Interest received on same to October 1, 1896..	250.00

CR.

1896.	1. By cash account Treasurer of Beneficiary Board of Education.....	\$250.00
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Pittsburg Professorship Fund.

1895.	1. Amount of principal in hands of Treasurer of Theological Seminary.....	\$16,823.19
Oct.	1. Received bond of Second Church, of	

	Greensburg	6,000.00	
Oct.	1. Received Thomas Donohoe note.....	2,000.00	
			<u>\$24,823.19</u>

1896.	March 26. Received legacy of Susanna Weyandt, per Michael Bortz, executor of.....		\$653.00
	and said sum paid to W. R. Barnhart for investment, per his receipt to John B. Roth, Treasurer.		

1896.		DR.	
	To sundry interest received on said fund from October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896.....		<u>\$1,471.16</u>

		CR.	
1896.	Sept. 9. By Cash paid Wm. Rupp, D.D., Pittsburg Synod's Professor.....		<u>\$1,471.16</u>

Prize Essay Fund in Church History.

1896.	Principal		<u>\$2,000.75</u>
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		DR.	
May	1. To balance due fund October 1, 1895	\$69.95	
	1. Interest on same to date.....	50.00	<u>\$119.95</u>

		CR.	
May	9. By prize paid H. M. Kline per award of committee.....	\$100.00	
May	9. Sundry expenses paid.....	2.00	<u>\$102.00</u>

Oct.	1. Due fund.....		<u>\$17.95</u>
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The Jacob Forney Fund.

1896.	Oct. 1. For Alcove in Theological Seminary Library building		\$1,000.00
Oct.	1. By interest due on same to October 1, 1895.....	\$50.00	
Oct.	1. By interest due on same to October 1, 1896.....	50.00	<u>\$100.00</u>

Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

1895.	1. For amount principal.....	\$239.60	
Oct. 1896.	8. For additional principal received of W. M. Irvine.....	68.12	<u>\$307.72</u>

		DR.	
1895.	1. To balance due fund.....	.16	
Oct.	1. To interest due to October 1, 1895..	4.98	
Oct. 1896.	8. Interest due to May 1, 1896.....	5.98	

May	8.	Cash received of W. M. Irvine.....	3.88	\$15.00
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May	8.	By prize paid A. O. ^{CR.} Reiter, per award of committee		\$15.00
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Seminary Building Fund.

DR.

1895.	Oct.	I.	To balance in hands of Treasurer..	\$51.47	
1896.	Jany.	II.	To cash received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer	1,063.98	
March	6.		To cash received of John J. Nissley. ^{CR.}	748.53	\$1,863.98
Jany.	II.		By sundry bills paid.....	\$63.98	
			By amount paid on account of Wolff Property bo't by Seminary.....	1,000.00	
March	6.		By property bo't by Seminary.....	800.00	\$1,863.98

The Henry Wirt Fund.

		For Alcove in Seminary Library.....	\$1,000.00
		By interest on same to October 1, 1896.....	50.00

The J. C. Bowman Trust Fund (Alcove).

1896.	Oct.	I.	Principal	\$750.00
			By interest due on same to October 1, 1896....	35.00

Theological Seminary Class of 1894 Fund.

1896.	Oct.	I.	(For Alcove)— Sundry obligations in hands of Treasurer amounting to.....	\$981.00
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Oct.	I.	By cash paid on same to October 1, 1896.....	\$129.00
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The John Reigel Fund.

1896.	Oct.	I.	Principal	\$15,680.00
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			^{CR.} By note on account due July 20, 1895	\$3,920.00
			By note on account due July 20, 1896	3,920.00
				\$7,840.00

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

DR.

1895.	Oct.	5.	Of W. Susquehanna Classis for Elocution.....	\$6.00
Oct.	8.		" Lehigh Classis, per John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Seminary expenses.....	37.00
Oct.	16.		Of Synod of the Potomac Elocution.....	75.00
Dec.	9.		" Zion's Classis' Seminary expenses	\$15.00

Dec.	9.	Of Zion's Classis' Elocution.....	5.34	\$20.34
Dec.	17.	Of Lebanon Classis' Elocution.....		\$14.00
1896.				
May	2.	Of E. Pennsylvania Classis' Elocution.....		10.00
May	4.	Of Zion's Classis' Elocution.....	\$1.62	
May	4.	Of Zion's Classis' Seminary ex- penses	8.23	\$9.85
May	5.	Of E. Susquehanna Classis' Elocu- tion	\$4.35	
May	5.	Of East Susquehanna Classis' Semi- nary expenses.....	25.25	\$29.60
May	5.	Of Goshenhoppen Classis' Elocu- tion	\$6.75	
May	5.	Of Goshenhoppen Classis' Seminary expenses	41.00	\$47.75
May	6.	Of W. Susquehanna Classis' Seminary expenses		21.00
May	8.	Of Pittsburgh Synod Elocution.....		75.00
May	8.	Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod Elocution	\$13.00	
May	8.	Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod, Seminary expenses.....	49.00	\$62.00
May	19.	Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod, Seminary expenses.....	\$15.00	
May	19.	Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod, Elocution	21.00	\$36.00
May	23.	Of Pittsburgh Synod Seminary expenses.....		100.00
July	22.	Of Potomac Synod Seminary ex- penses	\$91.81	
July	22.	Of Potomac Synod Elocution.....	75.00	\$166.81
Sept.	25.	Of Tohickon Classis' Elocution.....		9.00
Sept.	29.	Of Schuylkill Classis paid by the Treasurer of Reading Classis for Seminary expenses.....		36.00
				\$755.35

Charged to Treasurer in the Current expense account
of Theological Seminary, September 30, 1896.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine
the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary,
report that we attended to the duty assigned us and we find them
correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
JACOB H. STEIN,
Committee.

Lancaster, October 2, 1896.

Catawba College.

The special committee under item 7 of Report on Minutes of
Synod, appointed last year, presented the following report,
which was received and adopted, and the traveling expenses
of the committee were ordered to be paid by the Treasurer
of Synod. The report is as follows:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your committee, charged with carrying out the action of the Synod at Frederick in reference to the transferring of Catawba College, under the care of the North Carolina Classis, to the care and supervision of this Synod, begs leave to report that, after considerable correspondence with the officers and committee of the North Carolina Classis, charged with the subject involved in the action of the Synod, your committee thought it wise to go to Newton, where the College is located, and have a personal interview with the committee appointed by the North Carolina Classis, for the purpose of such conference. On the 12th of last February, by mutual agreement, we met the committee of the Classis, in the Reformed Church of Newton, N. C. We then discussed with them the whole question started by the Synod in the appointment of this commission. And seeing that the educational interests of our Church in the South, if it needed no theological professor at this time, it needed the strengthening of the literary school already existing, we accordingly proceeded to make arrangements to bring Catawba College under the care of the Synod.

The following is the result of our conference, which both committees agreed to submit for the approval of the Synod and the Classis, which we now submit to your prayerful and earnest consideration.

We have just learned from the minutes of the North Carolina Classis and the Trustees of Catawba College, that they have unanimously approved of said agreement, and are now ready to offer us a report of their condition, and will have the Synod nominate such persons as we deem proper to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees about to occur.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

**Report of Committees Relative to Placing Catawba College
Under the Care of the Synod of the Potomac.**

Responding to the overture of the Potomac Synod, recently in session in Frederick, Maryland, and the action of the North Carolina Classis in regard thereto, we, the undersigned committees of said Synod and of the said Classis, appointed to consider said overture, beg leave to report that we have agreed upon the following plan, subject to the approval of the said Synod and said Classis, relative to placing Catawba College under the care of said Synod:

1. The Classis concedes to the Synod of the Potomac the nomination of the Trustees of the College, who shall make report annually to said Synod, and agrees to choose in accordance with the charter of said College, passed in 1852, those that may be nominated; and further agrees to make provision as

soon as practicable to allow the nominations to be made as aforesaid.

2. In consideration of the concession by said Classis as herein expressed, the Synod of the Potomac agrees to furnish *one thousand dollars* annually to the Trustees of said College until at least *seventeen thousand dollars* of endowment, additional to that which the College now has, shall be raised by an agent of the Trustees of said College, or otherwise; and that the said sum of seventeen thousand dollars be raised as speedily as possible.

3. With this addition to the endowment, that fund will still be far short of the needs of the College and its prospective work, and we recommend that the Trustees prosecute the work of endowment until the needs shall be fully met.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER,
E. R. ESCHBACH,
JOHN E. ROLLER,
Committee of the Synod.

J. L. MURPHY,
S. M. FINGER,
M. L. McCORKLE,
J. C. LEONARD,
J. C. CLAPP,
Committee of the Classis.

Report of the Trustees of Catawba College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

In view of the recent action of committees of your body and the Classis of North Carolina, which was ratified by the said Classis at its meeting last May, contemplating putting Catawba College under the care of Synod, we make the following report:

We submit the latest catalogue, and an address made by Maj. S. M. Finger in 1891, which gives the charter of the College and a history of it from its establishment, in 1850, to the date of the address, in 1891. It will be seen that up to that date about 2,500 persons had attended its instruction for a longer or shorter time. Up to the present date near 3,000 students have been in attendance, mostly in the academic department. Special attention is called to this department. It will be seen by reference to the catalogues for many years, that perhaps seventy-five per cent. of all the students enrolled have been entirely in this department. The course of instruction given in it meets the demands of the great majority of the young people in this section of the country. A large per cent. of our young men who desire to prepare themselves for business or even the higher professions are unable to take a full college course. But by taking the full academic course they

are fairly prepared for the callings which they propose to follow. Thorough work is done in this department and, of course, must be done by the regular professors of the College, which takes much of their time and energy.

For this reason it is well that the friends and Trustees look carefully after the interests of the academic department. It should be borne in mind that the greater part of the income from tuition comes from the students of this department. The present endowment fund is about \$10,000.00. The catalogue submitted herewith shows an enrolment of 162, which includes students in the primary, music, academic, and collegiate departments. The fall session of this present scholastic year shows about the same conditions as existed last year. The enrolment is not quite so large this year, but it shows an increase in the college classes. Last year there were seven in the Freshman class; four in the Sophomore; three in the Junior, and three in the Senior. This year there are twelve in the Freshman, four in the Sophomore, three in the Junior and three in the Senior.

The Synod will recognize how difficult it is to retain the advanced students when they consider that there are so many other colleges in the State with better endowments and equipments. The Trustees and other friends of the College have prayed, and labored, and hoped for more favorable conditions, and now they rejoice in the prospect of help through the Synod.

We wish specially to thank the Synod for the donation made at its last session. Most of this \$400 has been received, and it served, or will serve when all shall have been received, to enable the Trustees to pay expenses of the last scholastic year.

This year your Trustees have found it necessary to add to the teaching force, and consequently to the expense. This has been done in order to retain the advance students to the end that the College shall suffer no loss pending the negotiations now under consideration by the Synod. To meet the expenses of the present year, about \$500 will be required above our prospective receipts, which it is hoped the Synod will find some way to furnish.

We enclose herewith a list of the Trustees. It shows the three classes of six each into which they are now divided and the dates of expirations of terms of office. Six terms expire every year and the Classis fills them at its annual meeting in May. If Synod will ratify the action of the committees above referred to, and will nominate six Trustees, they will be appointed next May; and if desirable, others will resign, so that Synod at this session may nominate a majority of the Trustees.

M. L. McCORKLE, *President*.

H. A. FORNEY, *Secretary*.

NEWTON, N. C., Oct. 11, 1896.

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports have been referred, reported during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Education would respectfully beg leave to report that the following list of documents has come into our hands:

Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary.

Catalogue of the College for Women, Frederick Md.

Catalogue of Allentown College for Women.

Catalogue of Catawba College, Newton, N. C.

Catalogue of Calvin College, Cleveland.

Report of the Board of Directors, Woman's College, Frederick, Md.

Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Report of the Board of Education.

Communication from Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, with reference to Calvin College.

From these documents we gather and present for your favorable consideration a number of items of interest.

I.—Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md., and Request from the Same.

With gratification your committee learns from this report that the College continues to increase in prosperity and efficiency. The number of students grows every year, and the high standard of the College is rapidly working its way into recognition.

All this refers itself to laborious, painstaking effort upon the part of those having the management in their hands.

It also appears that such onward movement as the College has been making toward providing the daughters of our Church with the best possible culture has involved increased expenditure of money as well as energy. More rooms have had to be furnished, to meet the enlarged patronage, and greater facilities have had to be provided in many of the departments.

On this account, the report of the Board shows that, whilst the total receipts of the Institution have each year exceeded

the actual, current expenses of running it, provision for the needed facilities has each year created a deficiency, to which this year \$225.67 have been added.

The Board represents that, under the present arrangement, it will be impossible to prevent an annual deficit of the kind, until the accumulation will become a serious hindrance, if not a menace to the existence of the Institution.

Accordingly, the Board makes an appeal to the Synod for assistance and relief in a speedy and substantial way. Maryland Classis also overtures the Synod to raise an endowment fund of twenty thousand dollars for the College.

Your committee is persuaded that the Synod appreciates the noble, heroic labors of President Apple and the Board of Directors to make the College a credit to the Church and power for good among our young women, and that there is no disposition to have them continue their work according to a plan which will occasion an increasing indebtedness from year to year. To forestall this, and to meet the request of the Board for assistance, your committee propose for your favorable consideration the following actions:

Resolved, That this Synod take steps at once to create an endowment fund of twenty thousand dollars for the Woman's College at Frederick, Md.

Resolved, That the Synod appoint a committee, consisting of Revs. A. S. Weber, F. F. Bahner, and M. M. Noacher, who shall, with whatever co-operation they may receive from Prof. J. H. Apple, solicit contributions to this fund throughout the Church; and that the committee be further authorized to raise one thousand dollars for current expenses.

Resolved, That the request of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College to become a corporate body, with power to confer degrees, be granted.

Resolved, That the Synod ratify the action of the Board, in securing an extension of lease of the College buildings for a period of ten years, from August 1st, 1898.

II.—Report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

In the papers coming to us upon this subject, encouraging signs of increased vitality in the Institution are to be noted. There is evident a growing disposition upon the part of those having the College in charge to bring it into proper, unstrained relation to the Synod, and, doubtless, when this is fully and completely done, it will give a marked impetus to the working of the College.

The brethren of North Carolina Classis are to be commended for their self-sacrificing zeal in laboring, amidst many discouraging circumstances, to preserve the Institution from disintegration.

The number of students reported in the catalogue is an indication that ample patronage of the College may be secured if it be suitably provided with equipment to compete with other colleges contiguous to it.

The Board informs us that the income for the current year will fall short of meeting the expenses to the sum of five hundred dollars, and asks that Synod devise some way of making good this deficit.

We recommend that, for the purpose of giving relief to the College in its present needs, two hundred and fifty dollars be donated by the Synod from the Contingent fund, and that all the Classes and congregations be urged to pay the apportionment for Catawba College at as early a date as possible.

III.—Franklin and Marshall College.

The catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and the report of the President tell us of the continued increase of the number of students, and prospects of the College. These prospects demand larger equipment in buildings and endowment, for which the prayers and assistance of the Synod are asked. Your committee propose the following:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the prosperity of F. and M. College, and pray the Lord's richest blessing to rest upon it.

Resolved, That we commend the College to parents and all others who would be loyal to the Church as the best place for their sons and wards to receive a broad, liberal education.

Resolved, That we express our full sympathy with all the proposed forward movements at this seat of learning, and call upon the men and women of our Synod who are blessed with this world's goods, to respond liberally to the pleas made, and projects inaugurated for the greater efficiency of Franklin and Marshall College.

IV.—Theological Seminary.

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary requests this Synod again to assume four hundred dollars to make up the deficit in the current expenses of the Seminary. We recommend that the Synod accede to this request and that the sum of four hundred dollars be apportioned to the several Classes of the Synod for this purpose.

The report of the Board of Visitors conveys to the Synod the gratifying intelligence that this school of the prophets has at last been enabled to occupy its own building erected upon its own ground; that the number of students continues large, having been 65 for the past year; and that "the moral and Christian conduct of the students, their application to study, and their readiness to engage in the practical work of the Church" has been commendable. All of which is cause for devout gratitude to Almighty God.

V.—Mercersburg College.

From the report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College we learn of continued and increasing prosperity. We rejoice in the fact that this ancient seat of learning has taken on new life, and that it promises greater and better things for the future. With a revenue exceeding its current expenses, this Institution has been enlarging and improving its facilities, and at this time makes no requests of Synod except its good will and patronage. We recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That we call the attention of our people to this school for boys and recommend it to parents who may have sons to send to a school of this grade, as a school worthy of their patronage and support.

From the catalogue of the Allentown College we learn that that Institution for the daughters of the Church is in a fairly prosperous condition, in which we rejoice. Dr. H. J. Ruetenik tells us of improvements and enlargements in Calvin College, and of young men prepared by it for the difficult German-English fields in the larger cities. We recommend that the Synod apportion the three hundred dollars promised several years ago. for Calvin College.

VI.—Board of Education.

The Board of Education reports a fair degree of prosperity and success. Five young men have completed their Collegiate and Theological course, viz: J. Calvin Bolger, Wm. E. Bushong, James M. S. Isenberg, Charles E. Wagner, and David J. Wolf. During the past year 24 students were aided. For the coming year appropriations were voted to 25. To carry on the work the Board asks that the sum of forty-two hundred dollars be apportioned among the several Classes.

We recommend as follows:

First, we commend the carefulness and zeal with which the Board has discharged its work.

Second, we commend anew to the Classes and pastors the cause of Beneficiary Education.

Third, we recommend that the sum of forty-two hundred dollars be apportioned among the several Classes.

VII.—Beneficiary Endowment Fund.

An overture from Rev. H. King, relative to the establishment of a Beneficiary Endowment Fund by contributions from the ministers of the Church.

Your committee, upon consideration of the matter, would respectfully recommend, that inasmuch as we now have an organized system of beneficiary work in which all our ministers are expected to be personally interested, we do not deem it

advisable to start any additional movement of the kind, to divert the interest of the clergy from the regular channels, and that therefore we decline to adopt the plan proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RESSER, *Chairman.*

Item 9 of Report on Overtures was referred to a special committee for consideration. The committee suggested a few modifications, which were not, however, adopted, and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Education were approved by the Synod, with but very slight modification. As approved by the Synod, they are here given:

Rules and Regulations Governing Beneficiary Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN:—At the annual meeting of the Board of Education, held at Chambersburg, Pa., August 13th, 1896, the following Rules and Regulations governing Beneficiary Education, were adopted by the Board, and now submitted to the Synod for its approval:

I.—Reception of Applicants.

1. All applicants for beneficiary aid shall be examined by a committee of the Board of Education, or by a committee appointed by one of the Classes of the Potomac Synod. In either case the report of the committee shall be submitted to the Board for approval, before aid is given.

2. The examination shall have reference to the applicant's personal piety, motives for seeking entrance to the office of the Holy Ministry, attachment to the Reformed Church, need of aid, disposition to do all in his power to maintain himself, personal habits, studies, talents, gifts for public speaking, physical qualifications to perform the duties of the ministry, and willingness to submit to the rules of the Board.

3. As part of said examination, the applicant shall present a written sketch of his life, giving explicit information on the following particulars:

a. Name and residence. *b.* Names of parents and their residence. *c.* Date and place of birth. *d.* Date of baptism and confirmation. *e.* Name of congregation and pastor. *f.* Religious habits, including attendance on public worship, communion, Sunday School and Bible study. *g.* Knowledge of the Heidelberg Catechism. *h.* Past employment. *i.* Motives for seeking entrance to the Holy Ministry. *j.* State of health. *k.* Inherited tendencies to disease, if any exist. *l.* Married or engaged to be married. *m.* Financial obligations, if any; to whom and to what extent. *n.* Present or prospective financial resources. *o.* Ability of parents to aid. *p.* Amount of aid needed. *q.* Schools attended.

4. This written sketch shall in all cases be presented to the Board.

5. Every applicant shall present testimonials in regard to character from his pastor, in regard to scholarship and ability from his teacher, or teachers, and in regard to his physical condition from his physician.

6. No student shall receive aid who is not sufficiently advanced in his studies to enter the Freshman Class in College.

II.—Beneficiaries.

1. Students under the care of the Board, shall in all ordinary cases prosecute their studies in one of the recognized institutions of the Church, and pursue the entire collegiate and theological course of study. Exceptions to this rule can be made only with the consent of the Board.

2. No student shall relinquish his studies for any length of time, for any purpose, nor leave the institution with which he may be connected for another, without first obtaining permission from the Board. During all such absences, aid shall be discontinued.

3. Every student shall be punctual and prompt in his attendance, not only upon all the recitations, but also upon all the regular religious services of the institution with which he may be connected.

4. Students, so long as they are in College, shall belong to one or the other of the literary societies of the institution, and while in the Seminary, to the Society of Inquiry, and they shall at no time belong to any secret college fraternity.

5. At the end of each scholastic year, each student shall submit to the Board a written report (together with his term reports), giving explicit information on the following particulars:

a. Class of College or Theological Seminary. *b.* Number of days absent, and for what cause. *c.* State of health. *d.* Any change of views as to your call to the Holy Ministry. *e.* Absence from church services and the Holy Communion, if any; and reasons for the same. *f.* Any debts contracted; for what reason. *g.* Amount of aid needed for the coming year. *h.* Have you complied with the rules of the Board?

6. The Faculties of the Institutions, in which students under the care of this Board are pursuing their studies, are respectfully requested to report to the Board as to their conduct, their diligence and progress; and their fitness for the Holy Ministry.

III.—Appropriations.

1. The aid given to students shall be a loan, without interest.

2. The loan thus given, shall be repaid at the rate of at least \$50.00 per annum, beginning with the second year after the recipient shall have entered upon the active duties of the Ministry.

3. When the annual income of the recipient is not sufficient to warrant the repayment of this amount the Board may grant a reduction, or in certain cases, even remit a certain portion of the indebtedness.

4. When any recipient is engaged in Missionary labor under any of the regular Boards of Missions in the Reformed Church in the United States, the Board of Education shall annually give him credit for \$50.00 on his indebtedness.

5. If any student fails to enter the Ministry of the Reformed Church in the United States, or to continue therein at least five years, except for reasons satisfactory to the Board; or if he refuses to obey the rules of the Board, and is for that reason refused further aid, he shall refund the whole amount of appropriations received, with interest.

6. The money refunded, shall be reappropriated to the cause of Beneficiary Education.

7. A copy of the rules shall be placed into the hands of each student, at the time of his reception, for his own use; he shall also sign another copy as a pladge of his acceptance of these rules, which shall be returned to the Treasurer of the Board.

By order of the Board of Education.

J. DAVID MILLER, *Secretary*.

The Standing Committee, under item 1 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Report of Auditing Committee of Seminary Endowment Securities.

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod to audit the Seminary Endowment securities, begs leave to report:

The committee met in Hanover, Pa., September 28th, 1896, attended to the duty of its appointment, and presents the following report, to wit:

ENDOWMENT FUND.	
Real estate mortgages, railroad and gas bonds in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, on the date above mentioned.....	\$33,900.00
Cash in hand.....	38.00
Total	\$33,938.00
FELLOWSHIP FUND.	
One real estate mortgage.....	\$1,000.00
Certificate of deposit in the Hanover Saving Fund Society.....	374.40
Cash in hand.....	30.00
Total	\$1,404.40

The Treasurer also holds subscriptions in the form of promissory notes, bearing interest, to the amount of \$400.00.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

The committee, under item 6 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, reported progress, and was continued. In the same connection the following was adopted, to wit:

Inasmuch as the demands for the larger endowment of Franklin and Marshall College are imperative, we the committee representing the endowment work of F. & M. College, within the bounds of the Synod of the Potomac, do hereby respectfully recommend and urge all the Classes, pastors and congregations, to open the way for and invite the Field Secretary of the College, the Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, to visit their Classes and congregations and hold educational conventions and canvass the charges.

Further, we recommend that the first mass meeting within the bounds of this Synod, in behalf of the Endowment Fund, be held in York, Pa., Rev. J. O. Miller, presiding, during the month of November, 1896, and the services of Hon. W. U. Hensel, Prof. Nathan C. Schaeffer, and President John S. Stahr, be secured for such a public meeting, the canvass being made at the same time.

Further, we hereby authorize the chairman of our committee to co-operate with the Field Secretary in securing speedy entrance into other fields or charges.

Items 7 and 20 of Report on Overtures were referred for consideration to a special committee, consisting of Revs. C. A. Santee, F. A. Rupley, jr., and Elder J. T. Dutterer, which subsequently reported. The report of the committee was received, amended, and then adopted as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your special committee, to whom was referred in part the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and items 7 and 20 of the Report on Overtures, begs leave to report as follows: That the thanks of the Synod of the Potomac are hereby extended to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary for their generous donation towards the purchase of a lot for a house for the Professor of this Synod.

But, WHEREAS, The action of this body last year, instructing the building committee to act according to their best judgment, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, but so conditioned that it shall not involve this Synod in any pecuniary obligation; and,

WHEREAS, The committee has purchased a lot for \$2,500.00, of which \$1,250.00 have been provided for, and an equal amount yet remains to be raised; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod does not deem it expedient, at this time, to take any action assuming the payment of this latter amount.

Resolved, That we respectfully decline also to accede to the overture of the Eastern Synod.

Resolved, That the action of Synod last year in the selection of a site for a professor house be reiterated, and that the Board of Trustees and Building Committee be authorized to secure the amount due, \$1,250.00, on the ground recently purchased by the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. SANTEE, *Chairman*.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Saturday morning, Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller and A. S. Weber were elected members of the Board of Education for the term of three years; Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier, and F. F. Bahner were chosen members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for the period of three years; Elder W. H. Lakin was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., for the term of five years; Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. O. Miller were chosen as members of the Board of Visitors for four years, and Elders Israel Laucks and S. Nevin Hench as members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary for six years.

The following persons were nominated for membership in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, to be elected by the North Carolina Classis, viz: Rev. J. C. Leonard, W. H. Williams, D. M. Carpenter, Rev. J. D. Andrew, Elder J. E. Roller, and Rev. C. Clever.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and their terms of service, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller, and A. S. Weber, for three years; Rev. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee, and G. B. Resser, for two years; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier, and J. A. Hoffheins, for one year.

BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE: Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier, and F. F. Bahner, for three years; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, J. B. Shontz, and Elder A. R.

Schneibly, for two years; E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Elder S. Hoeflich, and Rev. I. N. Peightel, for one year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE: Elder W. H. Lakin, for five years; Elder A. C. McCardell, for four years; Elder J. E. Roller, for three years; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, for two years; and Rev. C. S. Slagle, for one year.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Revs. E. R. Eschbach, and J. O. Miller, for four years; and Revs. J. S. Kieffer, and C. Clever, for two years.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Elder Israel Laucks, and S. Nevin Hensch, for six years; Elders George N. Forney, and Edgar Slagle, for four years; and Elders H. Wirt Shriver, and Jacob Cost, for two years.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The annual report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, annual report of the General Board of Missions, and the report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The committee presented its report during the session of Saturday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. The several reports are as follows, with the exception of that of the General Board, which has been published in pamphlet form, and therefore is omitted here, to wit:

Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: The report of the General Board of Home Missions furnishes you with all needful details as to the Missions within your bounds. Our report relates mainly to our own finances. As usual, we lay before you the Treasurer's report as a part of our own, calling your attention to several items.

1. Of the apportionment for missions assumed by the Eastern Synod \$13,083.69 have been paid, leaving a deficit of nearly \$4,000; and of the apportionment assumed by the Synod of the Potomac \$5,538.09 have been paid, leaving a deficit of nearly \$3,500.

2. Of the apportionment for Church-building the Eastern Synod paid \$1,644.28, and the Synod of the Potomac \$328.41. As so much of our church-building outlay is within the bounds

of the latter Synod, it is but right that we call the attention of that body to this small amount.

3. It is worthy of public statement that the Missionary Society of Emmanuel's church, Hanover, Pa., has lately given us another Church-building Fund, the fourth within ten years.

4. It is a great satisfaction to note that of the Church-building funds loaned \$2,000 were repaid within the year, namely, by Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md., by St. Stephen's Mission, Baltimore, Md., and by Steelton, Pa. It is equally gratifying to state that we were able to use \$3,100 of these moneys in the Missions at Harrisburg, Pa.; Bridgeport, Conn.; South Norwalk, Conn.; Tioga Mission, Philadelphia, Pa., and Salisbury, N. C. All the church-building money received on apportionment has been paid to the General Board, except \$150 designated by the East Susquehanna Classis.

5. Two legacies came into the treasury during the year, both from the estate of Maj. J. B. Fisher, of Penn Hall, Pa., namely, a Church-building Fund in memory of his son, to be known as the Adam Calvin Fisher Fund, and \$200, the interest of which is to be used for missions.

6. We desire yet to call the attention of the reverend Synods to the action of the General Synod, as given in the minutes, p. 88, items 13th and 14th. Heretofore all Church-building funds raised in the East, with three exceptions, have gone into the treasury of the Bi-Synodic Board; but now by the action of General Synod such funds, unless otherwise designated, shall hereafter go toward the proposed \$100,000 fund. We trust that by definite statement you will endorse this new departure.

We again record the goodness of God in prospering the work of our hands during the year past, and we pray that this manifest blessing may continue.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer of Missions.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

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I.—For Missions.

FROM EASTERN SYNOD.

Philadelphia Classis.....	\$2,400.91
Tohickon Classis.....	856.23
Goshenhoppen Classis	1,481.69
East Pennsylvania Classis.....	750.00
Lebanon Classis	992.59
Schuylkill Classis	1,731.72

Lancaster Classis.....	993.63	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	861.85	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	967.67	
Lehigh Classis.....	903.37	
Wyoming Classis.....	524.69	
Reading Classis.....	619.34	\$13,083.69

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Maryland Classis.....	\$1,870.60	
Mercersburg Classis	878.44	
Juniata Classis	1,370.81	
Carlisle Classis	534.90	
Zion's Classis	284.51	
Gettysburg Classis.....	275.00	
Virginia Classis	290.00	
North Carolina Classis	33.83	\$5,538.09

FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

Wom. Miss. Society, Mercersburg, Pa.....	\$25.00	
Rev. Geo. R. Zacharias.....	2.00	
Mrs. R. Laura Herr, Ridgely, Md.....	10.00	
A lady of Christ's Reformed Ch., Altoona, Pa..	5.00	
Mrs. Adalaide F. Gast, Lancaster, Pa.....	15.00	
Mrs. John A. Beard, Mifflinburg, Pa.....	5.00	
Mrs. D. W. Pellman, Mifflinburg, Pa.....	5.00	
M. B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.....	50.00	
Mr. and Mrs. ———, Philadelphia, Pa....	10.00	
Mrs. W. M. Irvine, Mercersburg, Pa.....	10.00	
Rev. Dr. D. M. Wolf.....	10.00	
Ladies' Aid Society, Williamsport, Pa.....	5.00	
Ladies' Sewing So. Refd. Ch., Frederick, Md..	25.00	
Members of the Reformed Ch., Frederick, Md.	60.00	
Emmanuel's S. S., Hazleton, Pa.....	10.00	
Member of the Adamstown, Md., charge.....	1.00	
Mrs. Susan Wagner, Landisburg, Pa.....	10.00	
A friend.....	100.00	
Ladies' Aid Society, Lower Saucon, Pa.....	10.00	
From Rev. ———.....	10.00	
Love Circle of Kings Daughters, Third Re-		
formed church, Baltimore, Md.....	15.00	
Miss Soc. Christ's Refd. church, Altoona, Pa..	5.00	
Reformed S. S. Shepherdstown, West Va....	5.00	
Friend, Middletown, Md.....	5.00	
Miss Belle Zimmerman.....	1.00	
Christ's Refd. Ch., Green St., Philadelphia, Pa.	172.97	
Refd. S. S. Emmanuel's church, Hanover, Pa.	54.40	
Adamstown, Md.....	10.00	
Easter offering, Tioga Mission, Phila., Pa....	2.85	
Refd. S. S. at Reigelsville, Pa.....	139.91	
Refd. congregation, Reigelsville, Pa.....	171.51	
Interest Nevin Boyer Fund.....	5.00	
Students of Theological Sem'y, Lancaster, Pa...	48.78	
First Dept. Refd. Salem S. S., Harrisburg, Pa..	6.51	
Mrs. Mary C. Fallon, York, Pa.....	5.00	
Miss. Soc. Christ's Refd. Ch., Lower Saucon, Pa	10.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod.....	1,524.95	\$2,560.88

\$21,182.66

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Paid James T. Reber ,Treasurer General Board
for Missions \$21,182.66

II.—Designated Moneys.

East Penna. Classis for Stroudsburg, Pa.....	\$519.97	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Turbotsville, Pa., for Trinity, Altoona	5.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Paradise, Pa., for Trinity, Altoona	5.00	
W. Susquehanna Classis for Rev. H. H. Spohn.	100.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod for Messiah Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.....	65.00	
Schuylkill Classis for Rev. D. C. Yost.....	100.00	
“ “ “ “ Y. J. Bower.....	150.00	
“ “ “ “ W. J. Muir.....	200.00	
“ “ “ “ H. Y. Stoner.....	291.46	
“ “ “ “ W. H. Herbert....	97.00	
Lehigh “ “ “ M. J. Roth.....	62.50	
“ “ “ “ M. H. Deifenderfer	175.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod, for Tioga Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.....	25.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod, for Calvary Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.....	25.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod, for Christ's Mission, Norristown, Pa.....	15.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod, for Rev. H. Tesnow, Denver, Col.....	25.00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. Holshouser...	100.00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. J. M. Lyerly..	50.00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. W. H. Mc- Nairy	50.00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. J. L. Murphy..	25.00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. M. L. Hedrick	25.00	\$2,110.93
West Susquehanna Classis for Chicago Mission	5.00	
Synod of the Potomac for Chicago Mission....	299.70	
Reformed congregation, Hummelstown, Pa., for Chicago Mission.....	10.00	
J. J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa., for Chicago Mission	10.00	
Gettysburg Classis for Chicago Mission.....	154.00	
Maryland “ “ “ “	98.40	
Mercersburg “ “ “ “	12.00	
Zion's “ “ “ “	31.90	\$621.00
		\$2,731.93

FOR HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

Edgar Slagle, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac.	\$219.04	
Jonas Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	30.12	
Rev. Dr. J. A. Hoffheins, Treasurer Virginia Classis	35.00	
Rev. Dr. W. M. Deatrick, Treasurer Mercers- burg Classis.....	49.00	
John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	787.37	\$1,120.53

HARBOR MISSIONS.

Edgar Slagle, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac.	\$229.00	
John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	271.38	\$500.38

\$4,352.84

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Paid as designated.....	\$2,110.93	
Paid as designated for Chicago Mission.....	621.00	
Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer, for Hungarian Missions	1,120.53	
Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer, for Harbor Missions	500.38	\$4,352.84

III.—Church Building.

1895.

Sept. 18. To balance in treasury.....		\$3,524.64
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FROM EASTERN SYNOD.

Tohickon Classis	\$285.28	
Lebanon Classis	82.77	
Schuylkill Classis	482.00	
Lancaster Classis.....	170.42	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	150.00	
West Susquehanna Classis	268.81	
Lehigh Classis	108.00	
Reading Classis	97.00	\$1,644.28

FROM SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Carlisle Classis.....	\$105.81	
Edgar Slagle, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac.	217.60	
A friend at Huntingdon, Pa.....	5.00	\$328.41

FOR CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS.

Wom. Miss. Society, Wyoming Classis.....	\$30.00	
Wom. Miss. Society, Lebanon Classis.....	60.00	
Catechumen Fund	20.00	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	5.00	
Elder F. G. Hobson.....	100.00	
Emmanuel's, Hanover, Pa., Fund, No. 4.....	500.00	
Adam Calvin Fisher Fund.....	500.00	\$1,215.00

FROM LOANS REPAID.

Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md., on second mortgage	\$150.00	
Revs. C. Clever and C. W. Levan, Baltimore, Md	1,500.00	
Mrs. Leah Sidel	700.00	
First Reformed church, Steelton, Pa., on ac- count mortgage.....	350.00	
Hungarian Reformed church, South Norwalk, Conn	150.00	\$2,850.00

\$9,562.33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid loan to Fourth Refd. Ch., Harrisburg, Pa.	1,000.00	
Paid loan to Hungarian Reformed church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	600.00	

Paid loan to Hungarian church, South Norwalk, Conn	500.00	
Paid donation to Reformed church, South Norwalk, Conn.....	250.00	
Paid loan to Forth Refd. Ch., Harrisburg, Pa.	400.00	
Paid J. C. Crowe on contract, South Norwalk, Conn	150.00	
Paid lot at Salisbury, N. C.....	500.00	
Paid loan Tioga Refd. Ch., Philadelphia, Pa..	1,000.00	
Paid C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension, transfer of the McCauley Church Building Fund	500.00	
Paid C. M. Boush, Treas. Church Extension..	1,822.69	
Tower City, Pa., designated by East Susquehanna Classis	150.00	
1896.		
Sept. 25. Balance in treasury.....	2,689.64	\$9,562.33

IV.—Interest Account.

1895.		
Sept. 18. To balance in the treasury.....	91.62	
From Mrs. C. A. Fremell.....	138.00	
“ Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md.....	9.00	
“ Trinity, Altoona, Pa.....	38.00	
“ Grace Reformed church, Abilene, Kas..	33.00	
“ Mrs. Leah Sidel.....	55.00	
“ St. Paul's Reformed Ch., Roanoke, Va..	90.00	
“ dividend York Bank Stock, Spangler legacy	56.25	
From Heidelberg Refd. Ch., Thomasville, N. C.	10.00	
“ First Refd. Ch., Royersford, Pa.....	20.00	
“ Interest Jacob Wagner legacy.....	100.00	
“ Calvary Reformed church, Scranton, Pa.	60.00	
“ Brown Memorial church, Wichita, Kas.	45.00	
“ General Board of Home Missions.....	80.00	\$825.87

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid traveling expenses of the Board, insurance, taxes, postage, &c.....	\$137.20	
Paid collateral inheritance tax on Fisher legacies	35.00	
Paid salaries of Secretary and Treasurer.....	150.00	
Paid Rev. Jesse H. String, street improvements, Philadelphia, Pa.....	250.00	
Sept. 25. Balance in treasury.....	253.67	\$825.87

V.—Legacy Account.

From estate of J. B. Fisher, Penn Hall, Pa.....	\$200.00	
1896.		
Sept. 25. Balance in treasury.....	\$200.00	

Respectfully submitted,

JNO J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, Pa., September 25th, 1896.

The foregoing account was audited and found correct as stated.

ELLIS N. KREMER,

LANCASTER, Pa., Sept. 28th, 1896.

C. S. GERHARD.

Secretary's Report, Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

REV. AND DEAR BRETHERN:—The Board of Foreign Missions would respectfully beg leave to present to your reverend body, its usual annual statement of the condition and prospects of its work in the Empire of Japan. It is happy in being able to say that the favorable aspect of affairs as resulting from the late war with China, in the abatement of the hostile feeling towards foreigners, and the emergence of a more tolerant sentiment in relation to Christianity, has grown more pronounced during the last year. The favorable provisions of the revised treaties, which, however, do not go into effect until 1899, are to a considerable extent discounted, and missionaries are allowed privileges of travel, etc., which a rigid exaction of existing laws would prohibit. The unswerving patriotism of the Christian soldiers, the manifold activities in works of charity and humanity displayed by the missionaries and native Christians, called into illustration by the war, have served as a challenge, and have begotten a spirit of thoughtful consideration among the people, which is securing a less prejudiced estimate of the claims of our holy religion. A change in this respect is discernible among the middle and upper classes, and the preached Gospel is given a wider hearing.

On the other hand, an evil effect of the war and its excitements, was to divert the attention of many professing Christians from their religion, and not a few have turned aside, so that the churches purging their rolls, find their numbers no greater than they were before the war, while the accessions of new converts have not materially abated. The assurance in the case, however, is that the present membership is made up of tried and approved material. The winnowing has consequently resulted in no considerable diminution of numbers.

Our schools are in a healthy and vigorous condition. The number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin has, to a slight degree, felt the effects of the competition of the Government schools which are of a high order. But the number of candidates for the ministry has not decreased, notwithstanding the yearly outgoing of the graduating classes. This last year four have graduated from the Theological Department. The Girls' School continues full, and the number of scholars might be increased had we the means and the room for them.

In consequence of the widening of our field, and the importance of keeping in as close touch to it as possible, in the near future our missionary force will be distributed among four stations. Rev. Dr. Moore has, perhaps by this time, removed to Tokyo, the southern extremity of our field. Rev. S. S. Snyder will locate in the Hokkaido, the extreme northern part. Rev.

H. K. Miller will go to Yamagata, in the western section, while Revs. Hoy, Schneder and Noss will remain in Sendai.

The statistical report for 1895-96 exhibits the following: organized churches, 6; self-supporting churches, 5; preaching stations, 50; baptisms, 197; members, 1,935; Sunday Schools, 39; Sunday School scholars, 1,618; native ministers, 12; unordained preachers, 27; contributions for all purposes, \$2,470.75.

The establishment of a new mission in some other country than Japan, as directed by General Synod, at its late meeting, is receiving the attention of the Board. Inquiries are being made and facts gathered. When a conclusion has been reached, it will be announced to the Church.

The finances of the Board have, during the past year, been in a healthy condition. The receipts have been adequate to its needs. For the last few months, however, there has been a falling off, for the arrest of which the Board most respectfully requests the prompt action of your reverend body. The amount apportioned by General Synod is the same per annum as for the last three years. The reason why the establishment of a new mission did not require an enlargement of the sum, was the fact that the W. M. S. G. S. has assumed the entire support of the Girls' School. The amount of receipts reported last year, however, includes what was paid for the Girls' School by the Woman's Society, so that the sum needed for the coming year will include an additional amount sufficient to establish the new mission, namely, the full sum appropriated by the General Synod. This sum is \$35,000 per year, for the next three years. It is of prime importance that that full sum should be paid into the treasury, if the Board would be enabled to establish the new mission.

The Board would, therefore, urgently request your reverend body to assume the full amount assigned you by General Synod, apportion it to the several Classes, and adopt such action as will ensure its realization.

By order of the Board,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., Sept. 16, 1896.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to present their report:

HOME MISSIONS.

Several papers touching this department of our church work were referred to us. The first of these claiming our attention is the report of the Board of the General Synod.

From this we learn that the work has grown to larger proportion under the Board's management, and that substantial progress has been made, witnessing to faithful and efficient work on the part of the missionaries. Opportunities offer a still wider field for work, which only the lack of means hinders them from improving. They are embarrassed even in furthering that which they have already undertaken. The apportionments have not been fully met, the Synod of the Potomac itself coming short to the extent of about \$3,000.00 for English missions alone.

In view of these facts, be it

Resolved, That, whilst we give thanks to the Great Head of the Church for His manifest favor, to the Board for their efficient management, and to the missionaries for their faithful and self-denying labor in this behalf, we earnestly ask and urge the several Classes and our membership generally, to meet promptly and cheerfully the demands made upon them for this work, and to regard the amount apportioned as the minimum of what is needed and expected of them. The amount asked from this Synod for this year is \$9,700.00.

In their work in behalf of the Hungarians and Bohemians in this country, a like story of success and progress is reported. Six missionaries are at work, and a seventh about to be secured. The outlook is promising, and it needs but the prompt meeting of the apportionment on the part of the Synod and Classes to make the work a gratifying success.

The amount asked for from this Synod is \$840.00.

The Board challenges us with the fact that there is a large and special work to be done among the Germans in our larger cities, a work in which we, as a denomination, should have a larger part. For this work, so promising, a special fund is needed, if wisdom and will of the General Synod is to be respected. The amount asked of this Synod is \$840.00.

The work of Harbor Missions in New York, which continues to be such a help and blessing to immigrants on their arrival in this country, is regarded of such importance that it should not be overlooked in the payment of our apportionments. And yet here also the Classes have failed in making good what reasonably has been asked of them, and the work consequently suffers. Prompt payment of dues, for the year past, as for the present, is earnestly urged.

The amount asked of this Synod for the coming year is \$140.

The Chicago Mission is engaged in erecting a church building. The Synod stands pledged for \$1,000 for this work; the money is past due, and yet there remains an unpaid balance of \$238.60. As the Synod's attention is called to this deficit, and as the contract for the erection of the building calls for its comple-

tion by the latter part of November, necessity demands the payment in full of the amount apportioned, by the first of December next.

Resolved, therefore, That the attention of the delinquent Classes be called to this matter, and they be urged to make payment in full by the above date.

The claims and works of Church extension still press heavily upon the Board, and were met only partially, and that largely with borrowed money. A debt of \$16,000 burdens them. They ask for relief, that they may not be compelled to abandon some of the Missions already organized for work in some of the larger cities. For this work the Board desires and asks that the Synod average at least six cents per member for the ensuing year. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the attention of the Classes and membership of the Church, within the bounds of this Synod, be directed to this particular interest, and that they be urged to make earnest effort to secure at least an average of six cents per member for this work.

The Board further suggests and urges the Church at large to raise, during the next five years, a fund of \$100,000 for church-building, the fund to be known as the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund. In furtherance of this project, it is proposed to celebrate, during 1897, the sesqui-centennial of the organization of the Synod of the Reformed Church in this country, in harmony with the following plan and program which we include as part of our reports, suggesting that the same be approved, as follows:

WHEREAS, The General Synod, at its meeting in Dayton, O., voted an appropriation of \$100,000 for the extension work of the Church, the same to be known as the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund; and,

WHEREAS, This matter has been referred to this Board to devise ways and means to establish said Fund; and,

WHEREAS, It is exceedingly important that this work should be inaugurated as quickly as possible, therefore, be it,

Resolved, (1) That the importance of establishing this Fund, at once, be brought before the Synods for immediate favorable action, and that the Synods be requested to commend this worthy object to their congregations, asking that in every way possible, funds be raised for this important work.

Resolved, (2) That the three Superintendents, each in his own territory, make such arrangements, and devise such plans as may seem best, in order to reach all the pastors and the charges, and present to them the claims of this much needed Fund.

Resolved, (3) That the Superintendents be especially directed to seek out persons who are able, and have them endow funds of \$500, or more, or, where it can be done, have a number of persons combine in the endowment of such funds.

Resolved, (4) That, as the need for these funds is very urgent, the Superintendents be directed to push their accumulation with all possible vigor.

The Board, furthermore, recommends the following program for the sesqui-centennial celebration of Michael Schlatter's missionary tours, or such adaptation of it as may be practicable, during 1897—this program to be used in congregational and Classical conventions:

I. Address of welcome.

II. History of the Reformed Church and its extension in America.

III. Life and labors of Michael Schlatter.

IV. Characteristics of the Germans and their relation to the Reformed Church in the United States.

V. Local History.

VI. Pastoral reminiscences.

VII. The present condition and future prospects of the Reformed Church in this country.

VIII. The imperative need of a large available Church Building Fund, with which to aid in securing proper locations in our large and growing cities.

The last subject should be followed by a challenge for Church Building Funds, or generous contributions for the object.

Official action of the Board of Missions at its meeting at Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 7th, 1896.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we endorse this movement of the General Synod. That the Classes and congregations of the Synod be requested to join heartily in the proper observation of this event during the year 1897, and make earnest effort in behalf of this Memorial fund.

The report from the Bi-Synodic Board speaks to us encouragingly. The work of the Board has been successfully prosecuted. They call special attention to an action of the General Synod in which the statement is made that heretofore all Church-building funds raised in the East, with but three exceptions, have gone into the treasury of the Bi-Synodic Board, and directing that hereafter all such fund, unless otherwise designated, go toward the proposed \$100,000 Memorial Church-building Fund.

Resolved, That we endorse this new departure.

The General Synod in its action referred to us, urges the

Synods and Classes to make earnest effort to secure a yearly average of fifty cents a member for Home Missions. As we deem this a thing most desirable, and giving it our approval, your committee recommend that the earnest and careful attention of the several Classes, and our membership generally, be directed to this expressed desire of the General Synod.

The booklet printed by the Board of Home Missions, giving a short history of our Church Extension work, we regard as well worthy a general reading and careful study. To this end we commend it to our membership, in the hope that its influence will bring the rich results in behalf of which it has been prepared and printed.

The "Reformed Church Tidings," a new monthly missionary periodical, published by the joint committee of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, and Sunday School Work, by order of the General Synod, a copy of which was referred to this committee, received due consideration. We appreciate the difficulties under which the first issue was prepared. In some regards it may be open to criticism, and is subject to improvement. Yet, believing that the improvements in its general make up will be made in the issues following, and that it will meet a felt want, and will be helpful in this work of the Church, we regard it with favor. That it may not fail in its purpose to disseminate missionary intelligence, your committee recommend that our pastors and consistories be urged to make earnest efforts to secure for it the widest possible circulation among the membership of our Church, until a copy is placed in every family, and that the attention of the several Classes be directed to this action, that the desire here expressed may be realized.

The letter of Rev. J. G. Schmid, President of the Portland-Oregon Classis, referred to us, is expressive of the regret they feel because of the action of Synod had one year ago. As the reasons for that action still hold, as we believe, your committee are of the opinion that Synod cannot do otherwise than to allow that action to stand as the answer to this renewed plea of the Portland-Oregon Classis for further help, and we so recommend.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

As the report of the Board of Foreign Missions will be incorporated with the printed minutes of this Synod, your committee deem it sufficient to say that the report makes the statement that the conditions now holding in the Empire of Japan are even more favorable than at any time for the prosecution of their work; that our schools are in a "healthy and vigorous condition;" that their work in hand is enlarging, and will in the near future require the division of our missionary forces,

so as to create four centres of influence, instead of one, as now. And further, that they are giving diligent attention to the direction of the General Synod to establish a new mission in Chira or some country other than Japan.

In the matter of finances they report that the receipts have been adequate to their needs so far, but that if this same healthy condition is to continue, there dare be no falling off. The amount required, and apportioned by General Synod, is the same per annum as for the last three years, and it is of first importance that the full sum be promptly paid into the treasury.

Your committee recommend that we hereby express our appreciation of the goodness and blessing which the Lord, our God, has showed toward us in the prosecution of our foreign missionary work, as also for the faithful and efficient service rendered the Church in this work by the Board and our devoted missionaries in the field. That we regard with favor the Board's management of the work committed to it, and that for its further successful prosecution, the sum of \$5,100.00 be apportioned to the several Classes, with the request that they be urged to make determined effort to secure the amount in full.

In the matter of the Kaneko Memorial Fund, your committee suggest that this worthy project be again commended to the favorable consideration, the sympathy and liberal giving of our membership generally, in the hope that some such fund shall be secured.

Lastly, encouraged by the hopeful outlook in the prosecution of our work, both in the home and foreign fields, we again urge upon the Classes and congregations, as far as in them lies, to make good every request of the Synod for their help, and every obligation which they have or may assume in the way of apportionment.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins were elected members of the Synodic Board of Missions, for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE: Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, for four years; Rev. C. A. Santee, for three years; Revs. C. Clever and J. O. Miller, for two years; and Revs. J. F. Moyer and G. A. Whitmore, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

EDGAR SLAGLE, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac for the year ending October 10th, 1896.

DR.**Received.**

From Zion's Classis for	Contingent Fund.....	\$59.97	
" " "	Con. Fund Gen. Synod	35.98	
" " "	Calvin College.....	2.18	
" " "	Beneficiary education...	112.11	
" " "	Church Building.....	46.68	
" " "	Theological Seminary....	4.26	\$261.18
" Maryland Classis for	Contingent Fund.....	\$133.00	
" " "	Calvin College.....	71.00	
" " "	Theological Seminary	99.00	
" " "	Hungarian Missions..	92.00	
" " "	Chicago Mission Ch..	129.40	
" " "	Church Building	118.00	
" " "	Harbor Missions	12.00	\$654.40
" Mercersburg Classis for	Contingent Fund..	52.00	
" " "	Theo. Seminary ..	50.00	
" " "	Calvin College	29.00	
" " "	Chicago Miss. Ch..	12.00	\$143.00
" Virginia Classis for	Contingent Fund.....	\$35.00	
" " "	Theological Seminary..	30.00	
" " "	Calvin College	31.00	
" " "	Chicago Mission Ch..	6.00	
" " "	Harbor Missions	14.00	\$116.00
" Juniata Classis for	Contingent Fund.....	\$77.00	
" " "	Theological Seminary ..	78.00	
" " "	Calvin College	45.00	
" " "	Chicago Mission Ch....	13.00	
" " "	Hungarian Missions	76.00	
" " "	Harbor Missions	29.00	\$318.00
" Gettysburg Classis for	Contingent Fund....	\$81.00	
" " "	Chicago Mission Ch	167.00	
" " "	Theological Seminary	73.00	
" " "	Calvin College	46.00	\$367.00
" Carlisle Classis for	Contingent Fund.....	\$43.96	
" " "	Con. Fund, Gen. Synod	32.00	
" " "	Theological Seminary..	3.55	
" " "	Hungarian Missions ...	31.04	
" " "	Chicago Mission Ch...	57.70	\$168.25
" North Carolina Classis for	Contingent Fund.....	42.00	

" Rev. W. C. Schaffer, D.D., for relief of Catawba College	10.00
From Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., relief of Catawba College	257.00
Balance in hands of Treasurer October 18th, 1895..	2,185.06

\$4,521.89

C.R.

Expenditures.

1895.			
Oct. 23.	By cash paid Rev. W. I. Stewart, traveling expenses	\$1.90	
Oct. 24.	By cash paid Great Southern Printing Co., printing tickets	1.25	
Nov. 13.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Harbor Missions	200.00	
Nov. 13.	By cash paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expenses of Synod	25.00	
Nov. 14.	By cash paid Rev. R. L. Gerhard, expense attending meeting of Sunday School Board, in May, 1894	10.75	
Nov. 14.	By cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik for Calvin College	52.65	
1896.			
Jan. 6.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick for interest on Stoudenour legacy	12.00	
Jan. 6.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, expenses on Minutes of Synod.....	13.00	
Jan. 9.	By cash paid Prof. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for endowment of Catawba College, from Maryland Classis.....	\$249.34	
	" " Mercersburg Classis	104.00	
	" " Zion's Classis	28.57	381.91
Jan. 9.	By cash paid Hanover S. F. Society for bank box rent	5.00	
Jan. 24.	By cash paid Reformed Church Publication House for publishing Minutes of Synod.....	187.00	
Jan. 25.	By cash paid Prof. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for relief of Catawba College.....	207.00	
Jan. 25.	By cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik for Calvin College	15.00	
Mar. 3.	By cash paid Prof. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, relief of Catawba College	50.00	
Apr. 21.	By cash paid Rev. W. H. Groh, interest on Brechbill legacy.....	12.00	
May 14.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, salary as stated clerk	100.00	
May 14.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Chicago Mission church.....	264.40	
May 16.	By cash paid Rev. C. Clever, expense to meeting Board of Visitors.....	6.55	
May 19.	By cash paid Rev. J. S. Kieffer, expense to meeting Board of Visitors.....	3.20	
May 19.	By cash paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expense to meeting Board of Visitors.....	3.00	
May 19.	By cash paid Rev. J. O. Miller, expense to meeting Board of Visitors.....	2.00	

May 29.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Hungarian Missions	105.04
July 20.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Church Building	158.35
July 20.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Chicago Mission church.....	95.70
July 20.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Hungarian Missions	76.00
July 20.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Harbor Missions	29.00
July 21.	By cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik for Calvin College	122.80
July 21.	By cash paid Prof. J. A. Foil for relief of Catawba College	10.00
July 21.	By cash paid John B. Roth, Treasurer, teacher of elocution at Seminary.....	75.00
July 21.	By cash paid John B. Roth, Treasurer, for current expenses at Seminary.....	91.81
July 21.	By cash paid F. M. Hobson, Treasurer, for beneficiary education at Ursinus.....	20.00
Sept. 1.	By cash paid Rev. J. A. Hoffheims, Treasurer, amount contributed by Virginia Classis for Catawba College, refunded	75.00
Sept. 3.	By cash paid Edgar Slagle, salary as Treasurer....	100.00
Sept. 21.	By cash paid F. M. Hobson, Treasurer, for beneficiary education at Ursinus.....	49.49
Sept. 29.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatricks, for beneficiary education	25.00
Oct. 5.	By cash paid Rev. J. David Miller, traveling expenses of Board of Education, 1895-96.....	13.25
Oct. 6.	By cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik for Calvin College	86.00
Oct. 6.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Hungarian Missions	18.00
Oct. 6.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Chicago Mission church.....	25.00
Oct. 6.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Harbor Missions	26.00
Oct. 6.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Church Building	6.33
Oct. 7.	By cash paid John B. Roth, Treasurer, for Theological Seminary, current expense.....	171.00
	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	1,589.51

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR SLAGLE, *Treasurer.*

October 10th, 1896.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday morning, which was received, amended, and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee on Finance respectfully submits the following report:

We have examined the Treasurer's report and have found it correct.

The several amounts referred to us for apportionment are as follows: Foreign Missions, \$5,100.00; Home Missions, \$9,700.00; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$840.00; Harbor Missions, \$140.00; Work among the Germans, \$840.00; Contingent Fund of General Synod, \$700.00; Beneficiary Education, \$4,200.00; Calvin College, \$300.00; Theological Seminary, \$400.00; Catawba College, \$1,000.00; Contingent Fund of Synod, \$400.00; and Church-building, six cents per member.

These several amounts your committee has apportioned as follows, to wit:

Home Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$2,550.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$1,500.00; Juniata Classis, \$1,500.00; Zion's Classis, \$1,300.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$1,000.00; Carlisle Classis, \$675.00; Virginia Classis, \$675.00; and North Carolina Classis, \$500.00. Making \$9,700.00.

Foreign Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$1,385.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$780.00; Juniata Classis, \$765.00; Zion's Classis, \$650.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$500.00; North Carolina Classis, \$400.00; Carlisle Classis, \$370.00; and Virginia Classis, \$350.00. Total, \$5,100.00.

Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$210.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$125.00; Juniata Classis, \$125.00; Zion's Classis, \$100.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$100.00; North Carolina Classis, \$60.00; Carlisle Classis, \$60.00; and Virginia Classis, \$60.00. Total, \$840.00.

Work among the Germans.—Maryland Classis, \$250.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$140.00; Juniata Classis, \$140.00; Zion's Classis, \$130.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$90.00; Carlisle Classis, \$50.00; Virginia Classis, \$40.00. Total, \$840.00.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis, \$976.00; Juniata Classis, \$725.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$600.00; Zion's Classis, \$499.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$450.00; Carlisle Classis, \$350.00; Virginia Classis, \$300.00; and North Carolina Classis, \$300.00. Total, \$4,200.00.

Theological Seminary.—Maryland Classis, \$115.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$69.00; Juniata Classis, \$68.00; Zion's Classis, \$59.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$45.00; Carlisle Classis, \$24.00; and Virginia Classis, \$20.00. Total, \$400.00.

Calvin College.—Maryland Classis, \$74.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$46.00; Juniata Classis, \$45.00; Zion's Classis, \$38.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$29.00; North Carolina Classis, \$25.00; Carlisle Classis, \$22.00; and Virginia Classis, \$21.00. Total, \$300.00.

Catawba College.—Maryland Classis, \$275.00; Gettysburg

Classis, \$170.00; Juniata Classis, \$173.00; Zion's Classis, \$140.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$100.00; North Carolina Classis, \$98.00; Virginia Classis, \$76.00; and Carlisle Classis, 68.00. Total, \$1,100.00.

Harbor Missions:—Maryland Classis, \$40.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$25.00; Juniata Classis, \$25.00; Zion's Classis, \$20.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$20.00; Carlisle Classis, \$10.00; and Virginia Classis, \$10.00. Total, \$150.00.

Contingent Fund of Synod:—Maryland Classis, \$133.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$80.00; Juniata Classis, \$78.00; Zion's Classis, \$70.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$52.00; North Carolina Classis, \$42.00; Carlisle Classis, \$36.00; and Virginia Classis, \$35.00. Total, \$526.00.

Contingent Fund of General Synod, (one-half apportioned):—Maryland Classis, \$92.00; Juniata Classis, \$57.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$56.00; Zion's Classis, \$46.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$34.00; North Carolina Classis, \$25.00; Virginia Classis, \$20.00; and Carlisle Classis, \$20.00. Total, \$350.00.

Church-building:—Six cents per member.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HELLER, *Chairman*.

Arrearages.

The following arrearages are still resting on the different Classes, for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of Synod:—Carlisle Classis, \$72.73; and Zion's Classis, \$10.03. Total, \$82.76.

Contingent Fund of General Synod:—Carlisle Classis, \$12.29.

Chicago Mission Church:—Zion's Classis, \$138.00; and Maryland Classis, \$100.60. Total, \$238.60.

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Trustees begs leave to present the following report:

The Board met at Hanover, Pa., September 11th, 1896. Members present were Elders Henry M. Schmuck, Edgar Slagle, Jacob N. Slagle, and Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier. Elder J. N. Slagle was elected President, and Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, Vice-President and Secretary. No business of importance claimed the attention of the Trustees. Indeed, there seems to be nothing for them to do, but to meet, elect officers and adjourn.

The report of the Treasurer, Edgar Slagle, will show the

receipts and expenditures of the Synod, during the year. It is proper to say to the Synod that the Treasurer declines to be re-elected.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board.

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*.

October 15, 1896.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder George N. Forney was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod for the term of five years from January 1st, 1897.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE: Elder George N. Forney, five years; Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, four years; Rev. F. F. Bahner, three years; Elder Edgar Slagle, two years; and Elder Jacob N. Slagle, one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday Schools presented the following report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

Report of the Sunday School Committee.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Sunday Schools would respectfully present the following report:

There have been placed in our hands the reports of the Sunday School Board of this Synod and of the General Synod's Sunday School Board. From them we gather much that is encouraging concerning our past labors and giving promise of future success. During the past year there was a gratifying increase in the number of schools and scholars, and a greater efficiency in methods of work was attained.

The General Synod's Sunday School Board, having secured control of the Sunday School publications, will, beginning January 1st, 1897, issue for the main department "Leaves of Light," as a weekly, with a monthly and a semi-monthly edi-

tion; for the Primary Department "Sunshine" will be issued weekly, together with beautifully colored and finely executed picture-cards, to be known as "Heidelberg Lesson Pictures;" for the entire school the "Heidelberg Picture Roll" will be provided, while for the teachers the "The Heidelberg Teacher" will be issued as a monthly, instead of a quarterly, as heretofore.

Further, the same Board has decided to sacredly use all Children's Day offerings for Sunday School mission work and for the extension of Reformed Sunday Schools, the Department of Publication bearing all expenses of administration.

In view of these facts, your committee recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac urge the Classes to request the churches within their bounds to use in their schools the lesson helps and papers prepared and published by and for the Church, and to pay special attention to the teaching and training of little children in the school in connection with the work in the home and in the catechetical class; and also to make earnest efforts to increase the offerings of the schools on Children's Day to Sunday School missions.

Further, that, since the establishment of the General Synod's Sunday School Board, which deals directly with the Synod and the Classes, there is apparently no reason for the continuance of your Board, your committee offer the following:

Resolved, That the Sunday School Board of this Synod be "hereby dissolved.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Synod be authorized to pay the President of the Board two dollars and twenty-seven cents, (\$2.27) the amount due him at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. MACALISTER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 16 of the report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he had twenty-five hundred copies of the "Acts and Proceedings" of the Twenty-second Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication House of Philadelphia, at a cost of \$187.00. The bill was paid promptly by the Treasurer of Synod. The Minutes were ready for distribution, and were distributed in December.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, 1896.

To the Eastern, Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods:

BRETHREN:—The changes which have occurred during the past year in connection with your publication interests are more or less familiar to you all, and whilst they present issues of a new and complicated nature, demanding careful and intelligent action, they nevertheless resulted finally in what is believed to be a satisfactory solution, through the purchase and possession by your Board of all the rights and interests previously owned or ceded by contract to the late Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D.

On February 25th, 1896, the Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., lessee and publisher, died. At his death the business was in such condition that no one in his employ could intelligently and successfully conduct it. With this knowledge, the Board met in extra session on March 19th, 1896, to consider the situation and adopt measures, if necessary, for the uninterrupted issue of the various periodicals. It was found that the widow of the lessee had temporarily provided for the situation by securing the services of Rev. C. J. Musser, of Norristown, who had, at a great personal inconvenience and self-sacrifice, consented to assist her in the capacity of editor and publisher, pending the final action of the Board of Publication. At this meeting the widow stated that the estate of the late Dr. Fisher was without funds or immediate resources to prosecute the work, and she therefore asked the Board to advance the sum of \$2,500, in such installments as might be needed, giving therefor her notes with interest, and as additional security, the income which would be received by the publishing house. She also asked for three months' time in which to re-organize or dispose of her husband's interest in the concern. After carefully investigating the condition of the estate and other

factors bearing upon the situation, and desiring also to assist the widow in her distress, the Board unanimously assented to the proposition, under a written contract for three months, providing therein that any arrangement entered into by her for sale or transfer should be subject to the approval of the Board. By virtue of this agreement, funds were advanced and subsequently repaid with interest, as will appear in the report of the Treasurer.

On June 19th, 1896, the Board, at the request of Mrs. Fisher, was again called in extra session, at which the statement was made that it had been found impossible to make any satisfactory disposition of the business; and that for the purpose of facilitating the settling of the estate, Mrs. Fisher had, by order of the Orphans' Court, obtained permission to sell and bid in the interests, rights and merchandise in and of the Publication House. By virtue of this order, she had become the owner of all said interests and now petitioned your Board to execute to her a new lease of a term of years, and to recognize her, together with such parties she might elect to associate with her, as the lessee and publisher, under terms similar to those previously made with the late Dr. Fisher. This proposition was unanimously declined. Subsequently your Board opened negotiations with Mrs. Fisher for the purchase of all the rights and interests acquired by her through purchase; and, finally bought these for the sum of \$2,500, inclusive of the Almanac, which was the exclusive property of the late Dr. Fisher. By this purchase, namely, \$500 for the books, sheets and other merchandise; \$1,000 for the Almanac; \$800 for the unexpired lease, and \$200 for furniture and fixtures, the Board became the absolute owner of the entire publication interests, and will henceforth issue all publications, except the Sunday School literature, for its own account.

Soon after the purchase, the Board negotiated and concluded a contract with the Sunday School Board, whereby the Sunday School literature was transferred to that Board, under the following agreement: We, the undersigned, in behalf of the Sunday School Board, hereby agree to pay five per cent. annually on \$15,000, in semi-annual payments, on condition that the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church transfers all its Sunday School publications to the Sunday School Board of the General Synod, according to the action of the General Synod; and further, the Sunday School Board agrees to pay one-half of the expenses for room rent, business manager and such other expenses as are jointly incurred.

(Signed)

PHILADELPHIA, June 19th, 1896.

CONRAD CLEVER,
RUFUS W. MILLER,
CALVIN S. GERHARD.

To provide for the conduct of its business, the Board temporarily rented the back building of No. 907 Arch street, at the monthly rental of \$95, and elected Rev. C. J. Musser as temporary editor-in-chief, and Rev. C. R. Ferner as business manager. Later, the Board removed to the first and second floors front, of building No. 1025 Arch street, negotiating a lease for $21\frac{1}{2}$ months, at \$70 per month.

The Board, at its regular annual meeting, held September 16th, elected Rev. C. J. Musser permanent editor-in-chief, at the yearly salary of \$1,800, and fixed the salary of the business manager at \$1,300 per annum, beginning with October 1st, 1896, and provided for the manner of conducting the publications under the following resolutions and instructions:

"WHEREAS, This Board is of the opinion that each of its publications should present an harmonious whole, and that the expenses for editing the same may be done at the least possible cost,

"*Resolved*, That the editorial management of the *Messenger* be entirely under the control of one man, the editor-in-chief, and he be authorized and empowered to engage such editorial assistance as he deems necessary to the purpose herein expressed."

A resolution was also adopted, instructing the business manager to conduct a cash business in the Book Department, and to fill no orders for less than \$1, unless the cash accompanies such orders. The reasons for this become so manifest, on reflection, that no reasonable objection can be urged against the plan. Experience shows that the numerous entries in the books and the postage expended in sending bills for these small accounts, consume in many instances the whole bill, thus entailing an actual loss, which in the course of a year amounts to a large sum. The Book Department is retained and conducted more as a convenience for the Church than as a source of profit, and must, therefore, be conducted on business methods to make it self-sustaining.

The Board also decided to continue the publication of the *Quarterly Review* during 1897, and fixed the subscription price at \$2.00 per annum instead of \$3.00, as heretofore. The Rev. William Rupp, D.D., was elected editor of the publication.

You will note in the Treasurer's report that the estate of Dr. Fisher is indebted to the Board in the sum of \$1,850, for guarantee under the lease. In addition to this the Board will have a claim for \$4,541.85 (approximately) on account of advanced subscriptions collected by the estate on the various periodicals. The Board resolved to employ Mr. Joseph A. Reed, attorney, to represent it in the collection of these claims. These claims

are necessarily tied up until the executrix is prepared to make distribution. Whether all, or only part, will be realized, depends upon her ability to collect outstanding accounts and to dispose favorably of the other assets of the late lessee.

In this connection we again most earnestly urge the membership of the Church, who are indebted to the estate of the Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., to speedily pay their back obligations, so that the estate may be settled without delay, and the widow and creditors alike secure that to which they are justly entitled.

The Board has endeavored to give to the Synods a synopsis of the important facts which have occurred during the year in connection with the publication interests, and it believes that the plans already adopted and those in contemplation, in the near future will result in placing this interest on an intelligent and satisfactory business basis. To accomplish this most effectually, your aid, sympathy and earnest support are most essential, and in the confidence that these will be cheerfully accorded, this report is submitted for your respectful consideration.

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29, 1896.

Treasurer's Report of the Reformed Church Publication Board.

1895.

Sept.	1.	Investments (as per report).....	\$9,725.00	
		Cash on hand.....	996.81	\$10,721.81

CASH RECEIPTS SEPT. 1, 1895, TO SEPT. 15, 1896.

1895.

Sept.	5.	Six months' interest Geo. Reber note	\$45.00
Sept.	5.	" " " Silk Mill Bonds	55.00
Oct.	7.	" " " Lydia Fisher mtg	24.75
Nov.	7.	" " " Mack mortgage	44.00
Nov.	7.	" " " Deeter mortgage	25.00

1896.

Mar.	1.	" " " Silk Mill Bonds	55.00
Mar.	2.	" " " Geo. Reber note	45.00
Mar.	2.	" " " Car Trust bonds	15.00
Apr.	1.	" " " Deeter mortgage	25.00
Apr.	8.	Interest Mack mortgage.....	41.10
Apr.	11.	Six months' interest Fisher mortgage	21.75
May	12.	One year's interest Blosser judgment	12.00
July	14.	Interest Margaret Hay Fisher.....	20.50
July	14.	Interest C. M. Boush, Treasurer, two mortgages	50.00
Sept.	1.	Six months' interest Silk Mill bonds	55.00
		Interest Geo. Reber Note.....	30.00

		\$564.10	
Bonus Mrs. Fisher's lease.....		\$300.00	\$864.10

\$11,585.91

Expenses paid members of Board.....	\$146.30	
Paid Mrs. Margaret Hay Fisher.....	2,500.00	
Paid Rev. C. R. Ferner, manager.....	1,000.00	
Paid investments	7,875.00	
Balance cash on hand.....	64.61	\$11,585.91

INVESTMENTS.

Blosser judgment (J. W. Wetzel, Carlisle)....	\$200.00
Reading Silk Mill bonds, first mortgage.....	2,000.00
Lydia Fisher, first mortgage.....	725.00
Isaac L. Deeter, first mortgage.....	1,000.00
C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension, Massillon, Ohio, mortgage.....	1,000.00
C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension, Youngstown, Ohio, mortgage.....	1,000.00
St. John's Reformed Ch., Reading, Pa.....	1,000.00
Note Rev. C. G. Fisher.....	800.00
Note Rev. C. G. Fisher.....	150.00
	\$7,875.00
Due the Board Rev. C. G. Fisher's lease.....	\$900.00

JAMES T. REBER, *Treasurer.*

READING, Sept. 15, 1896.

Report of the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented its report, during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Publication would respectfully present the following report:

The following papers were referred to us, viz: The Report of the Publication Board, a communication from the Alumni Association of Franklin and Marshall College, with reference to the "Reformed Quarterly Review," and the action of Pittsburgh Synod with reference to our publication interests.

From the report of the Publication Board we learn that the sudden death, on Feb. 25th, 1896, of Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., lessee of the Publication Board of our Church, brought the publication interests of our Synod to a crisis, which had to be met by prompt and judicious action. After providing temporarily for the conducting of the business, the Board subsequently purchased all the rights and interests which had been ceded by the three Synods to the late Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., and which had been acquired by his widow through an order from the Orphans' Court. The amount paid by the Board for these rights and interests was \$2,500. Through this purchase the Board became the absolute owners of the entire

publication interests. Subsequently the Board negotiated and concluded a contract with the Sunday School Board of General Synod whereby the Sunday School literature was transferred to the Sunday School Board in consideration of the payment annually by the Sunday School Board to the Publication Board of five per cent. on \$15,000, and also of the payment of one-half of all expenses that may be jointly incurred.

The estate of the late Dr. Fisher is indebted to the Board to the amount of about \$6,370. Whether all or only part of this amount will be realized will largely depend upon the ability of the executrix to collect the outstanding accounts against the members of our Church. The Board elected Rev. C. J. Musser editor-in-chief of the "Messenger," and Rev. C. R. Ferner business manager. With a view of increasing the circulation of the "Reformed Quarterly Review," the price has been reduced to \$2.00. Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D., has been elected editor.

Impressed with the necessity of placing the business of the Board on a better financial basis, it has been decided to conduct a cash business in the book department.

In view of the above facts, your committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac, mindful of the past services and the great usefulness to the Church of the late Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., in his management of the publication interests, learned with deep sorrow of his sudden death, and that we extend to his widow our heartfelt sympathy in her bereavement.

Resolved, That we approve of the purchase of the publication interests and the subsequent action of the Board looking toward the conducting of its business in an economical and successful manner.

Resolved, That the introduction of the cash system in the book department meets with our hearty approval and that we urge upon the Board the adoption of this system as rapidly as possible in all its departments.

Resolved, That we deeply regret the indebtedness of the members of our Church to the estate of the late Dr. Fisher, and that we urge upon all delinquents within the bounds of this Synod their duty to make immediate payment of their debts.

Resolved, That the selection of Rev. C. J. Musser as editor of the "Messenger" and the unification of the editorial work of the "Messenger" is approved and confirmed.

Resolved, That the election of Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D., as editor of the "Quarterly Review" be heartily approved, and that with the view of increasing the circulation and placing this valuable publication upon a better financial basis, it is com-

mended as worthy of the hearty support of our ministers and laymen.

Resolved, That, as the Church, through its Board, has again taken in charge her publication interests we urge upon all her members renewed loyalty to these interests and that we redouble our efforts to increase the circulation of the "Messenger" and make the work upon which we have entered, contribute to the upbuilding and strengthening of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN S. SLAGLE, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE: Elder S. Hoeflich, for three years; and Elders G. S. Griffith, for two years.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Thursday afternoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock of Saturday morning's session. At the time designated the election was held, Revs. C. E. Creitz, G. G. Everhart, and Elders J. S. Dehoof and J. N. Slagle acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, and Publication.

Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to submit the following report:

Two communications, one from Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa., and one from St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa., were referred to your committee. Also the printed 33d annual report of the Bethany Orphans' Home. From these several papers and reports we learn that both of these Homes are enjoying the blessings of divine favor and the sympathy and support of the people of our Church. While the affairs of these Homes are carefully and judiciously administered, the attention of the Synod is called to the increased needs and peculiar wants of these Homes. There are at present 113 children in Bethany Home, with six more admitted, who are expected to enter in the near future. Sixteen of these children come from the Synod of the Potomac, all of them being Church orphans and entirely dependent upon the Church for support. In St. Paul's Home 100 children have been cared for during the past year. Two schools have been maintained for their intellectual improvement during 10 months of the year. While a number of children from the Potomac Synod have been cared for in this Home, the contributions from the congregations of the Synod have scarcely met one-third of the expense in caring for these children. In this connection grateful mention must be made of the generous gift of Mrs. H. M. Housekeeper, of Philadelphia, to Bethany Home. A beautiful and substantial cottage has been erected by Mrs. Housekeeper, at a cost of \$6,000, known as the Frick Memorial Cottage, in which children under six years of age are to be admitted and cared for; the rooms of which will be furnished by individuals and societies. It is expected that the means for the support of these little ones will come from the Church. In view of these facts, we offer the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That we commend these Orphan Homes to the sympathy, prayers and generous support of our Classes, pastors and people.

Resolved, That we call the attention of our Classes, pastors and people to the fact that the orphans from the bounds of our Synod are nearly equally divided between St. Paul's and Bethany Orphan Homes and that both should receive a liberal share of our offerings.

Resolved, That we urgently request our Classes, pastors and congregations to increase their contributions to these two Homes, so that the offerings given to each Home may at least be sufficient to support the orphans in these Homes, sent from the bounds of this Synod; and wherever possible, increased contributions be made.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. DITTMAR, *Chairman.*

Revs. C. R. Dieffenbach, in behalf of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and T. M. Yundt, in behalf of Bethany Orphan Home, both set forth in forcible addresses before the Synod the cause in general, and the specific condition, needs and claims of those Homes respectively.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: I herewith transmit to your venerable body the enclosed statement of the financial operations of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," for the year closing September 30th, 1896.

Also a statement of the receipts and expenditures within the bounds of the Synod, as follows:

Maryland Classis	\$210.01
Juniata Classis	80.00
Zion's Classis	77.41
Virginia Classis	65.00
Mercersburg Classis	57.54
Gettysburg Classis	37.04
Carlisle Classis	30.62
	\$557.62

Paid to 12 Annuitants \$750.00. That is \$192.38 more than received from the different Classes. In view of this we ask for greater liberality in the coming year. With the prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your deliberation, I am,

Yours fraternally, in Christ Jesus,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

Mt. Pleasant, Md., September, 30th, 1896.

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," through its officers, presents for publication in the minutes of your reverend body the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year closing Sept. 30th, 1896:

RECEIPTS.

To amt. in Treasury as per last report.....	\$3,376.63
" " from interest on investments.....	2,721.08
" " " matured loans	1,900.00
" " " collections in the churches....	1,756.09
" " " royalty on church hymnal....	990.75
" " " miscellaneous sources	396.64
" " " Pittsburgh Synod, special.....	325.00

To am't from Daniel Stine Memorial Home..	166.42
" " " bequest from J. B. Fisher, esq..	95.00

Total.....\$11,727.61

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for investments.....	\$4,600.00
Paid to Annuitants.....	2,574.58
Paid for expenses.....	168.72
Amt. in Treasury Sept. 30, 1896.....	4,384.31

Total.....\$11,727.61

Invested Fund\$35,250.00

The following persons have become members of the Society during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. H. J. Ruetenik, D.D., L. W. Showers, Wm. Renter, John F. Moyer, John H. Stepler, D.D., O. P. Schellhamer, Geo. B. Russell, D.D., Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., Dennis B. Shuey, Eusebins H. Dieffenbacher, John T. Balliet, John Wolbach, John Schmalz, Atvill Conner, Lloyd E. Coblentz, Samuel M. Roeder, Wm. C. Sykes, John Dotterer, Calvin E. Bartholomew, Henry K. Binkley, Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Christian W. Summey, Chas. R. Ferner, Michael Loucks, D.D., Edward Herbruck, D.D., Joseph Sechler and Wm. H. Groh.

Annual Members.—Revs. Philip Steinhage, Jacob D. Bühler and Ludwig W. Zenke.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D.D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.
 REV. T. FRANK HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.
 REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

The following action was reiterated, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayers of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

The special committee, to whom item 8 of the Report on Overtures was referred, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your special committee, to whom was referred item 8 of the Report on Overtures, begs leave to report the following, namely:

WHEREAS, It is with grateful joy that this Synod has learned of the establishment of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home for aged ministers, their wives, and the widows of ministers, located at Myerstown, Pa., through the noble and benevolent generosity of Mrs. Linda S. Kaub, of Philadelphia, Pa.; and,

WHEREAS, The maintenance of these servants of the Lord, after years of self-denying labors, is a cause that appeals to the earnest sympathy and the substantial support of the whole Church; and,

WHEREAS, There are no funds immediately available for the support of the aforesaid Home; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod most earnestly requests all its pastors to bring the claims of this most worthy institution to the attention of their respective congregations, and that a collection be lifted for the aid of the same, on or before the first Sunday of January, 1897, said collection to be forwarded to the Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer, Mt. Pleasant, Frederick county, Md.

Resolved, further, That the Corresponding Secretary of Synod be authorized to send a transcript of this action to every pastor of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ROSSITER, *Chairman*.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the pastor of the church in which the sessions of Synod were held twenty-five dollars to defray incidental expenses.

Wichita University.

Items 2, 3, 4, and 5, of the Report on Overtures, were referred for consideration to a special committee, composed of Revs. G. B. Russell, J. O. Miller, and Elder W. S. Kefauver. The committee subsequently submitted its report, which was received, amended, and adopted as follows, to wit:

Your special committee, to whom was referred the matter relating to the overdue mortgage resting on the Wichita University, begs leave to report.

The committee have examined the papers relating to the subject matter, aided also by the light of the parole statements made before Synod. It is not necessary to state in detail the

whole sad case. It is one of peculiar embarrassment, and is difficult of satisfactory adjustment. The calamities that have befallen that young and once promising institution of learning have culminated in utter financial disaster. It is not necessary either, to trace to their source, or put upon record the mistaken mismanagement attending the administration of that bungled business trust.

All prospects of immediate resuscitation of the institution in the near future seem gone. What is left us is, therefore, only to gather up the remaining fragments of the deplorable wreck. The facts with which we are to deal are these:

The Board of Trustees are overtured by Geo. F. Baer, Esq., for the underwriters or guarantors of the mortgage bond, to turn over the net remainder of the so-called \$15,000 endowment fund raised by the three English Synods of the East, (which balance, \$9,722.63) as consideration in payment, in full, to them of all claim and legal or moral demands whatsoever as against the said Wichita University, and its Board of Trustees, for the \$10,000 mortgage bond overdue, with interest defaulted since 1890, for which they became the guarantors for the University authorities.

This would leave the realty of the corporation whole and intact and entirely unencumbered by any debt or claim. In case this proposition be not accepted, the guarantors threaten foreclosure, and should the sale of the property not yield a sufficient amount they will also attach the remainder of the endowment fund. And, even, should a legal contest be decided in favor of the Trustees in behalf of that fund, the costs might eat up the whole of the balance of the already greatly reduced amount of the endowment fund. So, both the realty and the moiety of the vested fund are in jeopardy, and may be lost.

As a matter of prudent business policy, it is doubtless best for the Synod to consent to the formal proposition of the guarantors.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Potomac Synod, as far as it has lawful power over that fund and interests therein, hereby gives the Trustees of Wichita University authority to accept the guarantors' offer, and close finally on the above recited conditions in sum, as per resolution of said Board, Sept. 21, 1896, and submitted to this Synod in the papers referred to this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

The committee, under item 18 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Report of 150th Anniversary Committee.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your committee, appointed a year ago, to report a suitable program for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the work of the Rev. Michael Schlatter in the organization of Reformed congregations within the territory now comprised in this Synod, respectfully submit the following for your consideration:

I. We recommend that, if possible, the next meeting of the Synod be held in some church which was visited by Rev. Michael Schlatter during the year 1747, A. D.; and that the services of one evening of its sessions be devoted to the commemoration of the life and labors of Rev. Michael Schlatter, said services to be presided over by the President of Synod. We suggest three addresses of 20 minutes each on the following topics.

1. Michael Schlatter, the Father of the Reformed Church in the United States. By Rev. Cyrus Cort, D.D.

2. "The Reformed Church in Schlatter's day." By Elder Gen. J. E. Roller.

3. "The Organization of the First Synod, and What has come of it." By Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D.

II. We recommend that Classes and congregations, as far as practicable, hold local celebrations in all places where it is known that Rev. Michael Schlatter preached and where we now have congregations.

III. As the occasion will be auspicious for the dissemination of information as to the origin and history of the Reformed Church in this country, we further recommend that all pastors within the bounds of the Synod be requested to preach a historical sermon, commemorative of the life and labors of Rev. Michael Schlatter, in each of their congregations. We suggest the month of May, 1897, as a suitable time for such sermons, and for the local celebrations, mentioned before, as that seems to have been the time in the year 1747, when Mr. Schlatter began his pioneer work within the territory now included in this Synod.

IV. The celebration of such an event ought to awaken within us feelings of devout gratitude to God for the blessings which He has bestowed upon us through the instrumentality of this, His servant; and, as nothing could more worthily perpetuate his memory than the sacred cause of Home Missions, we recommend that this Synod join heartily in the raising of the \$100,000 Church-building fund, which General Synod has

asked of the Church, and which it has called The Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman.*

Items 16, 17, and 21 of the Report on Overtures were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. L. Murphy, G. Weber, and Elder A. Heberlig, which subsequently reported, their report being amended and adopted, as follows:

To the Reverend Synod:

Your committee, to whom were referred items 16, 17, and 21 of Report on Overtures, begs leave to report, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions, namely:

Resolved, That, whilst we as a Synod, fully recognize the evils of intemperance, and heartily sympathize with every movement looking to the suppression of the liquor traffic, we do not deem it proper as a Synod to elect delegates to attend the National Anti-Saloon Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., on December 8-10, 1896.

Resolved, That this Synod, recognizing the great importance of a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures among the people of this country, heartily commends the work of the American Bible Society to the favorable consideration of our several Classes, as well as pastors and people.

Resolved, That this Synod, heartily sympathizing with the temperance movement, grants the request of the W. C. T. U. of Pittsburgh, and hereby names the 4th Sunday in November as Temperance Day, and that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this action to all our pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY, *Chairman.*

The committee under item 19 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, appointed a year ago, reported progress, and was continued.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, having failed to perform its duty, the Synod directed the Stated Clerk to prepare the requisite report, which accordingly is here given:

The lives of all the pastors of the Synod have been graciously prolonged, during the year. Only one death in the Synodic roll of the ministers has taken place since the last

meeting of the Synod, and the one called hence has not been engaged in the active work of the ministry since 1888.

REV. MILTON H. GROH.

Mr. Groh was born at Myerstown, Lebanon county, Pa., December 19, 1853. Baptized in infancy, he was confirmed, and became a communicant member of the Reformed church at Myerstown, some fourteen or fifteen years later. In 1869, some time after his confirmation, he felt it his duty to prepare to preach the Gospel, and entered upon a course of study, standing connected with Palatinate College from 1869 to the autumn of 1872, when he entered the Junior class of Ursinus College, from which he graduated in June, 1874. He then entered the theological department of said institution, and graduated from it two years later, in 1876. He was licensed June 8, 1876, by the Lebanon Classis. January 14, 1877, he accepted a call from the church at Wooster, Ohio, and was ordained to the ministry, March 27, 1877, by a committee of the Tuscarawas Classis. His pastorate at Wooster continued only one year. He next became the pastor of the Manchester charge, in Summit county, Ohio, January 1, 1878. He assumed the pastorate of the New Lisbon charge in Columbiana county, Ohio, April 4, 1880, where he labored about four years. In April, 1884, he accepted a call to the Landisburg charge, in Perry county, Pa., which he resigned four years later, and withdrew from the active work of the ministry, his health having become impaired.

He spent the remainder of his life in Colorado, New Mexico, and Ohio, still retaining his membership in the Carlisle Classis. The later years of his life were spent in and around Columbus, Ohio, where he departed this life, on Sunday, January 12, 1896, aged 42 years and 23 days. Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Nov. 1, 1896.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be tendered to the pastors, consistories and members of Trinity and Christ Reformed churches of Altoona, Pa., and other citizens for their generous hospitality extended to us during our present sojourn among them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned by the Stated Clerk to the management of the P. R. R. and the C. V.

R. R. for the favor of reduced rates of fare to the members attending the sessions of the Synod.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the Synodical roll was called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The journal of Monday morning's session was read and approved, and the Minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned without selecting the place and fixing the time for the next annual meeting, referring that matter to the officers of the Synod. By a subsequent unanimous vote of the consistory of the First Reformed church of Hagerstown, Md., inviting the Synod to hold its next annual sessions in their church, that place was accordingly chosen, and Tuesday evening, October 12th, A. D., 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, was fixed for holding the next annual meeting of the Synod.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday forenoon, October 19th, at 11 o'clock, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

CONRAD CLEVER, *President.*

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

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WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS. CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Ex-communicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.		Officers & Teachers.		Sunday Scholars.		Students for Min.		Contributions.		Post-Office Address.
			Unconfrmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Cen- tral. Re- newal of Prof.	Com- muned.					Dis- missed.	Ex- com- muni- cated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Sunday Scholars.	Students for Min.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Jacob O. Miller, D.D.....	Trinity 1st Ref'd, York....	1	390	115	25	6	31	6	340	10		10	2	2	460			\$ 875	\$ 2400	113	S. Duke St., York, Pa.		
Aaron Spangler.....	Trinity	7	555	298	48	1	19	10	433			15	11	61	434			135	886	507	W. Market St., York, Pa.		
Reuben Rahauer.....	Without charge.....																					Manchester St., York, Pa.	
Oliver P. Schellhamer.....	Paradise	4	1071	630	90	11	74	16	920	7		34	12	93	1075			557	2455	413	W. Phila. St., York, Pa.		
Aaron H. Leisse.....	Without charge.....																					Host, Berks Co., Pa.	
Morgan A. Peters.....	Zion's Reformed, York....	1	438	280	28		22	38	307	9	40	8	1	39	487			220	1980	411	W. Phila. St., York, Pa.		
Francis C. Yost.....	Heidelberg, York.....	1	420	135	22	4	15	33	300	3	2	2	1	42	469	1		458	2850	18	S. Queen St., York, Pa.		
Gideon P. Fisher.....	Kreutz Creek, York.....	3	374	250	34	5	20	16	265	1	2	4	3	70	538			382	1993	Hellam, York Co., Pa.			
Gerny Weber.....	Glen Rock.....	3	406	191	11	1	49	32	377	15		9	1	21	170	1		460	3500	Glen Rock, York Co., Pa.			
Hiram J. Hillegass.....	Shrewsbury	2	400	260	28		20	14	351	5		12	4	4	222	1		185	2000	Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.			
Charles P. Kehl.....	St. John's	2	93	59	3		3		69			1	2	41	378	1		44	425	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.			
William U. Helfrich.....	Dillsburg	1	254	141	8			5	128	63	1			9	4	64		20	545	Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.			
H. M. John Klein.....	Grace Reformed, York....	2	138	128	18				28					28	300			323	1356	N. Hartley St., York, Pa.			
Chas. P. Kehl, supply.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	12.	33	4615	2575	315	28	253	176	3666	113	43	105	14	412	4696	4	\$ 3669	\$20396	106	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.		
Total, 13.																							

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.	
		Members.	Unconfirmed.		Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Ver. o Ref.								Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Jos. W. Santee, D.D.	Without charge.	1	650	360	54	3	34	12	580	16	4	1	63	550		\$	1645	Mercersburg, Pa.	
Geo. L. Staley, D.D.	Without charge.	2	185	85	11	1	12	6	174	5		2	22	150		211	3025	1628 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.	
Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.	Evangel. Ref. Church.	1	435	243	11	3	14	2	324	7		1	37	305		683	930	Clearspring, Md.	
Wm. Goodrich.	Clearspring	1	550	396	17	5	23	5	420	7		1	39	365	2	477	2600	229 N. Potomac St., Hagerst'n.	
J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.	Zion's	1	500	200	19	5	20	2	372	7		1	37	300		530	3652	822 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.	
Joel T. Rossiter, D.D.	First Church, Balt.	1	345	90	10		14	8	252	7		1	45	251		1073	1200	Middletown, Md.	
T. Franklin Hoffmeier.	Middletown, Balt.	3	384	263	36		15	3	236	2		1	34	222	1	209	3400	518 W. Mulberry St., Balt., Md.	
Conrad Clever, D.D.	Third Church, Balt.																800	Frederick, Md.	
Silas M. Hensch.	Utica																	Emmitsburg, Md.	
Jacob B. Kerchner.	Without charge.																	325 E. Lafayette Ave., Balt.	
Louis F. Zinkhan.	Prison chaplain.																	1088 342 3d Ave., Woodberry, Md.	
E. Ranson Deatrick.	Trinity, Woodberry	1	173	108	11		5	9	139	3		1	22	165	1	213	1890	W. Reedyville, Md.	
Baron R. Carnahan.	Mt. Moriah	3	240	107	11	10	16	5	184	0		1	22	265	1	157	1255	Westminster, Md.	
Calvin S. Slagle.	Westminster	1	151	75	3		8	6	196	2		1	19	400		197	3842	Hagerstown, Md.	
George A. Snyder.	Christ, Hagerstown.	2	340	112	5	9	28	17	253	6		1	32	250	1	249	1075	242 E. Balt. St., Balto.	
Adam S. Weber.	Faith, Baltimore	4	164	170	20		20	9	149	6		1	35	500		165	680	Thurmont, Md.	
George A. Whitmore.	Thurmont	4	457	454	22		26	25	352	10		1	18	4	50	336	1168	1405 15th St. N. W., Wash., D. C.	
A. Thomas G. Apple.	Grace, Washington.	1	138	61			7	1	192	2		1	12	21	81	131	1168	1405 15th St. N. W., Wash., D. C.	
Harry F. Dittmar.	Jefferson	2	208	105	25		7	1	192	1		1	2	29	139	225	850	Jefferson, Md.	
George W. Snyder.	Boonsboro	2	129	80	6		4	10	151	5		1	4	2	26	113	488	Boonsboro, Md.	
Charles W. Levan.	St. Stephen's, Balto.	3	70	41	8		3	3	56	1		1	12	80		106	1923	306 E. 23d St., Balto., Md.	
Hiram J. Macalister.	Carroll	3	271	95	25		14	3	236	1		1	15	35	205	125	1035	Walkersville, Md.	
Avril Conner.	Glade	2	194	126	7	3	7	1	148	1		1	5	2	46	160	661	Walkersville, Md.	
Wm. I. Stewart.	Christ, Baltimore.	3	159	115	11		1	12	123	2		1	3	24	216	191	1071	2117 Druid Hill Ave., Balt.	
Isaac M. Gutter.	Manor	3	247	135	13		15	6	229	9		1	5	3	41	425	1575	Adamstown, Md.	
Lloyd E. Condenz.	St. Paul's, Balto.	1	403	231	22	31	15	23	335	6		1	17	23	31	452	2446	304 N. Cary St., Balto., Md.	
Samuel M. Rader.	Manchester	3	545	230	75	3	23	5	416	2		1	23	3	44	275	2511	Manchester, Md.	
Wm. C. Sykes.	Burkittsville	2	162	60	7	3	16	4	124	2		1	3	3	12	125	68	791	Burkittsville, Md.
Alexander Bateman.	Taneytown	2	300	150	19	2	9	5	275	2		1	2	7	21	170	2340	Taneytown, Md.	
K. Otis Snessard.	Union Bridge.	3	237	118	15	2	10	7	222	5		1	3	15	1	111	1300	Union Run, Md.	
Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D.	Silver Run.	1	520	317	19	12	11	11	380	1		1	3	15	21	234	1325	Silver Run, Md.	
Simon S. Miller.	Mt. Pleasant.	4	175	120	19	2	11	14	160	6		1	10	8	2	31	550	Mt. Pleasant, Md.	
Christopher Noss.	Foreign Missionary																	Sendai, Japan.	
Fred. Wm. Bald.	Grace, Baltimore	1	32	5	3		1		32			1	9	103		19	3695	Penna. Ave., Balto., Md.	
Wm. C. B. Shulenberger.	Without Incarnation.	1	156	75	6		1	8	128	3		1	1	60		18	922	Emmitsburg, Md.	
George M. Zacharias.	Christ of Incarnation.																	2040 Park Ave., Balto., Md.	
Cyrus Cort, D.D.	Without charge.	3	123	86	4	1	10	3	90	5		2	4	2	110	60	275	Sabillasville, Md.	
Lic. Jos. H. Apple.	Sabillasville																	Frederick, Md.	
Vacant	Pres. of Woms. Col.	3	366	72	9	7	20	3	333	6		1	10	3	31	174	1336	Cavetown, Md.	
T. F. Hoffmeier, supply.	Cavetown	1	61	30	2		3		49	1		2	1	25		26	50	Middletown, Md.	
Total, 38.	Baddock's	62	9069	4580	490	57	428	249	7307	150	149	251	159	975	7066	111	9567	\$ 46670	

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.		Unconfrmed.	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Students of Min.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.
			Members.	Unconfrmed.		Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Partial, or Re- newal of Prof.									Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
William M. Deatrick, D.D.	Without charge.	2	425	170	9	4	14	17	359	9		10	2	50	339			\$ 522 46	\$ 1250 00	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa. Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa. Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa. Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa. Greenville, Franklin Co., Pa. Zuillinger, Franklin Co., Pa. Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa. Marion, Franklin Co., Pa. Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa. Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa. St. Thomas, Franklin Co., Pa. Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa. Shippensburg, Cumb. Co., Pa. Mont Alto, Franklin Co., Pa. Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa. McConnellsburg, Fulton Co., Pa. Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa. Forreston, Illinois. Upper Strasb'g, Franklin Co., Pa. Berkeley Sp'gs, Morgan Co., W. Va. Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Jacob Hassler, D.D.	Without charge.	1	297	136	12	2	5	7	250	19	13	4	1	28	303	298 00	1608	57		
William C. Cremer, D.D.	Without charge.	2	422	156	5	19	33	16	380	8	46	2	1	41	302	283 00	1300	68		
Franklin F. Bahner.	Waynesboro.	1	373	300	4	2	8	4	247	3	6	2	1	35	233	823 18	1607	83		
George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.	Without charge.	1	223	85	7	10	19	10	165	1	20	3	2	32	136	93 26	997	75		
George B. Russell, D.D.	Without charge.	4	232	65	9	13	31	5	206	1	5	4	4	49	267	72 75	1240	29		
Jonas B. Beaver.	2d Ch. Chambersb'g.	2	386	260	7	5	7	6	335	3	5	2	1	24	265	269 00	1207	41		
William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	Loudon	1	227	80	1	2	8	1	278	3	4	1	2	16	60	530 33	1119	88		
Irwin M. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	St. Thomas.	3	344	162	2	4	4	6	240	8	6	3	3	31	134	62 28	1050	41		
George S. Gill.	Greencastle	1	227	80	1	2	8	1	278	3	4	1	2	16	60	530 33	1119	88		
Henry N. Bassett.	Shippensburg	3	98	56	4	2	6	5	278	3	4	1	2	16	60	530 33	1119	88		
Isaac N. Pfeiffer.	Mont Alto.	3	344	162	2	4	4	6	240	8	6	3	3	31	134	62 28	1050	41		
*Abert H. Hushman.	Shippensburg	3	98	56	4	2	6	5	278	3	4	1	2	16	60	530 33	1119	88		
*Charles A. Santee.	McConnellsburg	3	344	162	2	4	4	6	240	8	6	3	3	31	134	62 28	1050	41		
*Charles M. Smith.	St. P'ts of W'nsboro.	3	123	83	1	1	1	1	119	3	5	3	20	135	398 88					
*Edward O. Keen.	Without charge.	3	221	164	4	2	16	2	203	5	2	1	2	39	136					
Abner S. Dechant.	Disabled																			
George R. Zacharias.	Disabled licentiate.																			
John M. North.	Lic. Pr. Mer. Col.																			
William M. Irvine, Ph.D.	Lic. Pr. Mer. Col.																			
Total, 21.	12.	26	3371	1717	74	65	152	80	2789	65	82	51	23	409	2687	6	\$3734 47	\$12847 26		

*Recently taken charge.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Sunday Teachers and Officers for Min.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.			
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Cert. or Re-nerval of Prof.								Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.				
H. St. John Rinker.....	Without charge.....	1	344	185	8	4	12	2	269	7		2	1	27	190	1	\$ 431.01	\$ 2078	Martinsburg, W. Va.		
J. A. Hoffheins, D.D.....	Martinsburg.....	1	18	8				2	16								4 00	48	Martinsburg, W. Va.		
Supplied.....	Smithfield.....	2	149	63	6		1	2	124	2			1	25	138		133 00	800	Shepherdstown, W. Va.		
George G. Everhart.....	Shepherdstown.....	2	190	63	4	7	14	1	131	1			2	32	225		60 00	435	Middlebrook, Va.		
John T. Balliet.....	Middlebrook.....	3											2	2	2					Hawkinstown, Va.	
Josiah May.....	Without charge.....	1	18	17				2	18	4			1	8	50		28 00	425	Roanoke, Va.		
Lewis Reiter.....	St. Paul's.....	2	166	50	1	5	7	2	157	8			1	23	177		250 00	650	Mt. Crawford, Va.		
C. B. Heller.....	Mt. Crawford.....	2	107	106	13	2	1	4	88	2			3	29	114		84 58	435	Winchester, Va.		
J. B. Stonesifer.....	Winchester.....	2	183	70	12			3	171	2			17	4	3		155 00	490	Edinburg, Va.		
S. A. B. Hitner.....	Edinburg.....	2	202	69	4	6	19	2	179	1			5	2	21		165 00		Harrisville, Va.		
A. B. Bauman.....	Harrisville.....	2	215	145	3	7	25	2	195	1			2	7	2		282 00	1087	00	Woodstock, Va.	
N. H. Skyles.....	Woodstock.....	2	181	88	16	4	7	5	157	1			2	4	2		91 00	336	00	Timberville, Va.	
J. Philip Harner.....	Timberville.....	4	171	156	16	3	5	5	130	2			2	3	3		96 00	831	00	Mt. Jackson, Va.	
Henry Ditzler.....	Mill Creek.....	2	4	373	94	5	22	41	330	2			2	6	4		318 00	1385	00	Mt. Crawford, Va.	
A. D. Wolfinger.....	Rockingham.....	1	115	70	6		1	13	100	1			2	1	12		6 56	221	00	Lovettsville, Va.	
L. T. Lampe.....	Lovettsville.....	1	14	11				5	18				1		36		12 00	97	80	Martinsburg, W. Va.	
J. W. Rauch.....	Falling Waters.....	1																69	87	Harrisonburg, Va.	
J. Silor Garrison.....	St. Stephens.....	1	32	2455	1211	88	60	133	41	2080	35	26	45	28	315	1876	2	\$ 1977	16	\$ 9545	70
Total, 17.	15.																				

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.		Members.		Unconfirmed Members.		Baptisms.		Confirmation.	Additions. Cen. or Re- newal of Prof.	Commenced.	Dismissed.	Transferred.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.
								Infants.	Adults.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Thomas Long.....	Without charge.....	1																		Salem, N. C.
Jesse W. Cecil.....	Without charge.....																			Thomasville, N. C.
John Ingie.....	Without charge.....																			Green Park, N. C.
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.....	Lincoln.....	4	312	182	10					9	9	273	1		3	4	235	1	\$ 665 00	Newton, N. C.
Peter M. L. Frazier, D.D.....	Prin. China G'y H. S.....																			China Grove, N. C.
Michael L. Hester.....	Without charge.....																			Silver Hill, N. C.
John Barringer.....	Prof. Catawba College.....	2	309	234	28					12	2	269	12		2	2	277		643 55	Newton, N. C.
Joseph L. Holshouser.....	East Rowan.....	3	223	117	17					8	4	209	1		2	3	200		2223 53	Hickory, N. C.
Joseph L. Murphy.....	Hickory.....	4	418	123	18			3		7	7	3	1		2	4	26		105 88	Hickory, N. C.
Jacob C. Leonard.....	Upper Davidson.....	4	186	206	21					12	4	161			4	4	311	1	134 84	Lexington, N. C.
J. M. Luther Lyerly.....	Central Rowan.....	1	153	79	9					2	1	94	2		4	3	1		48 00	Lexington, N. C.
Andrew H. Smith.....	Newton.....	4	477	153	19			8		19	2	408	1		7	4	319		138 00	Newton, N. C.
James D. Andrew.....	Guilford.....	4	142	67	10					10	6	110	5		8	2	116		424 00	Middlebrook, Va.
Julius H. Shuford.....	Without charge.....	4	302	130	13					45	6	133	6		2	3	332	2	40 00	Conover, N. C.
Harvey A. M. Holshouser.....	Catawba.....	5	315	130	13			9		10	12	167	6		2	5	150	1	234 00	McKee, N. C.
William H. McNairy.....	Lower Davidson.....	2	215	133	18					10	1	208	5		10	6	160	1	45 00	Concord, N. C.
B. Frank Davis.....	Concord.....	3	210	133	18			3		20	1	136	5		11	1	140	1	99 00	China Grove, N. C.
Anthony Shulenberger.....	West Rowan.....	2	182	62	1					1	1	16			1	1	40		76 00	Thomasville, N. C.
*Clarence Clapp.....	Thomasville.....	3	182	62	1			1		1	1	15							42 23	Thomasville, N. C.
J. L. Murphy (supply).....	Mt. Bethel Mission.....	1	25	32	2					1	1	15							9 50	Thomasville, N. C.
J. D. Andrew (supply).....	Burlington Mission.....	1	9	10	1														25 00	Thomasville, N. C.
Paul Barringer (supply).....	Mt. Pleasant Mission.....	1	9	10	1														25 00	Thomasville, N. C.
Total, 19.....		41	3252	1625	168			24	154	55	2550	40	2	35	48	36	2748	8	\$ 9174 08	

*Assumed pastorate May, 1896.

CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.		Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Infants.	Adults.		Confirmed.	Cert. or Re-nal of Prof.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
William K. Zieber, D.D.	Without charge.....																		Hanover, Pa.	
John C. Bowman, D.D.	Prof. in Sem., Lan. Pa.	2	394	344		20	2	10	350	8	2	11	2	33	246	1	\$ 325	\$ 1317	444 W. James St., Lancaster, Pa.	
Thomas J. Barkley, D.D.	Gettysburg	4	691	450		50	1	22	670	8		12	4	38	330		233	2100	Gettysburg, Pa.	
John H. Hartman	Lischey's	3	800	660		68	2	50	750	8		21	3	30	410	2	235	1155	Hanover, Pa.	
Franklin A. Guth.....	Jefferson	3																	Codorus, Pa.	
Walter E. Krebs.....	Without charge.....	3	710	500		28	1	34	650	11		19	3	30	350	3	500	1200	Littlestown, Pa.	
Francis S. Lindaman.....	Christ Church.....	1	410	180		10	1	14	353	1		15	1	38	245	1	1480	1817	Hanover, Pa.	
George B. Resser.....	Emmanuel	1	305	161		17		9	10	255	9	9	1	20	170	2	283	875	Littlestown, Pa.	
George P. Stein.....	Littlestown	2	224	90		16	2	17	1	174	1	7	2	10	95		65	385	Hanover, Pa.	
Edward D. Miller.....	West Manheim.....																		McKnightstown, Pa.	
J. Marion Mickle.....	Without charge.....	3	354	207		18	2	17	4	306	14	11	3	32	200		239	888	Fairfield, Pa.	
John F. Mackley, M.D.	Cashtown																		Littlestown, Pa.	
William D. Lefevre.....	Without charge.....	3	560	400		41	6	20	14	510	7	15	3	48	350		242	6953	New Oxford, Pa.	
Peter E. Helmer.....	Abottstown	2	443	325		17	1	10	7	393	4	9	2	37	300	1	528	948	A'endtsville, Pa.	
Milton M. Noacher.....	Arundtsville	4	300	105		22	12	48	19	280	2	8		30	210		145	880	East Berlin, Pa.	
George W. Welsh.....	East Berlin	1	464	350		18	2	16	10	317	6	25	5	1	26	270	3	96	1650	Hanover, Pa.
Marsby J. Roth.....	Trinity																		Collegeville, Pa.	
Lic. Wm. A. Kline.....		29	5655	3772	325	33	267	115	5008	79	30	144	28	372	3176	13	\$ 4371	\$ 20168		
Total, 18.	13.																			

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.		Members.		Unconfirmed.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.		Dismissed.		Excommunicated.		Deaths.		Sunday Schools.		Officers & Teachers.		Sunday School Scholars.		Invitations for Ministry.		Contributions.		Post Office Address.
		Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Cert. or Renewal of Prof.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Invitations for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Conferential Purposes.													
Wm. R. H. Deatrick, D.D.	New Bloomfield.	363	137	12	1	8	9	8	350	16	17	3	49	501	1	\$ 378 00	\$1312 00	Newport, Perry Co., Pa.												
J. David Miller.	Duncannon	183	78	6	1	12	154	8	12	2	2	2	35	190	2	155 00	738 00	Duncannon, Perry Co., Pa.												
Wm. H. Groh.	Sulphur Springs	183	79	5	1	7	1	169	2	8	2	4	22	120	2	172 52	639 00	Carlisle, Cumb. Co., Pa.												
George A. House.	Landisburg	238	200	16	5	319	6	14	6	4	4	44	340	284	00	236 00	1404 00	Landisburg, Perry Co., Pa.												
James M. Runkle.	Mechanicsburg	259	110	9	5	10	6	207	9	5	1	1	21	175	1005	00	1465 00	Mechanicsburg, Cumb. Co., Pa.												
Miles O. Noll.	Carlisle	330	60	4	3	18	11	300	16	2	5	1	23	250	3	61 00	600 00	Carlisle, Cumb. Co., Pa.												
Titus C. Strock.	Zion's	363	285	12		4		259	12	10	11	4	43	334				Blain, Perry Co., Pa.												
Solomon B. Schafer.	Without charge.																	Mechanicsburg, Blair Co., Pa.												
Samuel N. Callender, D.D.	Sec. Foreign Missions.																	York, York Co., Pa.												
Samuel P. Stauffer.	Without charge.																	Carlisle, Cumb. Co., Pa.												
Joseph W. Bell.	Without charge.																	Sulphur Springs, Cumb. Co., Pa.												
Lic. Chas. E. Wagner.	Without charge.																	Newburg, Cumb. Co., Pa.												
Vacant	Newburg	1	143	79	3	1	122	1	38	53	20	5	1	16	120	1	118 00	538 00												
Total, 12.	8.	21	2238	1028	67	11	71	43	1880	70	17	3	253	2030	7	\$2419 52	\$7913 45													

CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.		Baptisms.		Additions.		Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Fees of Names.	Deals.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Funds for Min.	Contributions.		Post-Office Address.
			Members.	Uncon- firmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Cert. of Re- newal of Prof.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Frederick A. Rupley, D.D.	Without charge.	3	357	115	8	3	6	9	14	14	7	5	54	272	1		\$ 116	\$ 931	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
William A. Long, Ph.D.	Hickory Bottom.	2	309	165	8	1	1	2	271	10	20	3	35	140	1		327	332	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
John W. Pontius.	Martinsburg.	3	289	124	12	1	6	5	234	6	35	11	34	139			182	713	Cessna, Bedford Co., Pa.
S. Charles Stover.	Dunning's Creek.	1	547	260	20	5	19	24	460	16	35	4	2	48	330		794	2079	Altoona, Pa.
John F. Moyer.	Christ Ch., Altoona.	4	430	567	36	6	22	3	384	7	5	15	5	47	426		313	1166	Claysburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Simon U. Waugaman.	Greenfield.	3	326	177	13	4	19	12	285	4	9	9	3	36	212		95	677	James' Creek, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
Vacant	Woodcock Valley.	3	231	146	21	2	12	7	211	7	5	7	2	17	100		133	460	Schellsburg, Bedford Co., Pa.
Daniel G. Hetrick.	Woodcock.	3	211	69	14	9	18	10	188	6	7	10	3	33	208		34	750	Loysburg, Bedford Co., Pa.
Edward W. Stonebraker.	Yellow Creek.	3	272	185	20	3	18	9	217	7	2	5	3	20	163		270	600	Charlesville, Bedford Co., Pa.
Amrose C. Geary.	Friend's Cove.	3	141	99	5	4	17	3	112	8	1	2	2	20	163		113	625	Saxton, Bedford Co., Pa.
William H. Landis.	Saxton.	2	153	85	9	2	9	11	129	5	1	1	1	20	158		181	1075	Everett, Bedford Co., Pa.
Eugene S. May.	Everett.	3	379	280	20	1	8	14	313	6	9	5	3	35	276		220	633	Mann's Choice, Bedford Co., Pa.
Lonner S. Robb.	Ruphur Springs.	3	317	160	18	2	13	19	275	6	6	1	1	30	158		60	3885	611 Eighth St., Altoona, Pa.
Louis C. Harsh.	Trinity Ch., Altoona.	3	413	128	13	4	23	5	365	6	1	2	2	17	124		640	790	Clearville, Bedford Co., Pa.
Frederick A. Rupley, Jr.	Clear Ridge.	3	350	140	17	9	12	2	340	5	1	6	3	35	230		239	1100	Alexandria, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
Charles H. Slingshoff.	McConnell Street.	3	360	140	17	9	12	5	340	4	5	3	3	32	226		667	1366	McConnellstown, Hunt'gd'n Co., Pa.
Charles E. Creitz.	McConnellstown.	1	170	75	1	8	15	9	145	2	1	2	2	28	200		237	1231	Bedford, Pa.
Irwin W. Hendricks.	Huntingdon.	3	325	158	6	1	7	7	270	4	1	1	1	10	86		40	530	St. Clairsville, Bedford Co., Pa.
Thomas K. Cromer.	Bedford.	3	325	158	6	1	7	7	270	4	1	1	1	10	86		303	390	Orbisonia, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
George C. Erb.	St. Clairsville.	3	325	158	6	1	7	7	270	4	1	1	1	10	86		40	390	Orbisonia, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
Harry E. Jones.	Orbisonia.	3	325	158	6	1	7	7	270	4	1	1	1	10	86		40	390	Collegeville, Pa.
Without charge.	Without charge.	3	70	41			1		60	4									
Total. 21.	19.	50	5736	3193	246	64	231	157	4921	131	196	107	46	608	4107	11	\$ 5186	\$ 29753	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, A. D. 1896.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.			Additions.		Communion.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min.	Contributions.		
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Re-Conversion.	Benefvolent Purposes.									Conspicuous Purposes.		
Zion's	13	33	4015	2575	315	28	253	176	3666	113	43	105	44	412	412	4886	4	\$ 3559 00	\$20356 00	
Maryland	38	62	9069	4880	490	57	428	249	7207	150	149	251	59	975	975	7006	11	9567 00	12870 00	
Mercersburg	21	26	3371	1717	111	65	152	80	2759	65	82	51	23	409	409	2837	6	3354 47	12847 26	
Virginia	17	32	2455	1231	83	60	133	41	2030	35	26	45	28	315	315	1876	2	1377 16	9545 70	
North Carolina	19	41	3252	1895	168	24	154	55	2550	40	35	48	36	372	372	2748	8	1150 84	9174 08	
Gettysburg	18	29	5063	2729	325	33	267	115	5008	79	30	144	28	372	372	3176	13	4370 00	20148 00	
Carlisle	12	21	2238	1028	67	11	71	43	1880	70	38	53	20	253	253	2030	17	2116 52	7913 45	
Junata	21	50	5736	3193	246	64	231	157	4921	131	96	107	46	608	608	4107	11	5186 00	20753 00	
*Portland-Oregon	10	13	532	486	74	26	13	288	3	5	3	5	10	5	5	408	4	\$ 221 00	\$2727 00	
Synod of Potomac (Total)	9	169	307	30353	20487	1847	342	1715	329	30189	886	21	502	809	294	3344	62	\$ 22505 90	\$150194 49	
Eastern Synod	12	282	524	94475	51905	5337	578	4535	2370	73434	1219	1766	2376	606	8869	71878	132	\$ 32340 00	\$380669 00	
Ohio Synod	6	127	233	22605	6356	718	689	1267	1110	18987	520	709	372	212	3127	23554	43	\$ 18216 00	\$127663 00	
Synod of Pittsburgh	5	76	337	22605	9741	919	162	925	530	14120	350	461	299	120	1347	10750	36	\$ 21684 00	\$80414 00	
Synod of the Northwest	10	154	228	14238	14497	1809	27	1004	777	15079	189	4	557	383	187	737	12213	31	\$ 14063 00	\$7914 00
German Synod of the East	5	84	138	14830	10055	2042	14	728	894	11891	123	8	505	421	150	1070	13	\$ 7864 00	\$106420 00	
Central Synod	4	81	134	10541	11611	1431	53	830	477	14173	214	14	493	384	102	1564	28	\$ 15190 00	\$38558 00	
Synod of the Interior	5	90	67	2998	1445	171	104	227	162	2444	60	191	50	62	671	3827	27	\$ 3173 07	\$19355 63	
Total 8 District Synods	56	1001	1665	223300	126097	13576	1949	11281	7249	180617	3361	128	5184	5094	1639	20788	174164	297	\$194126 06	\$1037468 12

*Last year's report.

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